

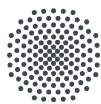
# From simplicial groups to crossed squares

## Bachelor's Thesis

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{G^{\text{Sq}}}^{0,1}} & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\
 \lambda_{G^{\text{Sq}}}^{1,0} \swarrow & \downarrow \wr & & \swarrow \mu_{0,1}^{G^{\text{Sq}}} \\
 G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^{G^{\text{Sq}}}} & G_2/G_{2;0} & \downarrow \wr \\
 \downarrow \wr & \downarrow & \lambda_{G^{\text{Sq}'}}^{0,1} \longrightarrow & N_1 \\
 & N_2 & & \downarrow \wr \\
 \wr \downarrow & \swarrow \lambda_{G^{\text{Sq}'}}^{1,0} & & \swarrow \mu_{0,1}^{G^{\text{Sq}'}} \\
 U_1 & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^{G^{\text{Sq}'}}} & N_0 \times N_1 & 
 \end{array}$$

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# 0 Introduction

## 0.1 Simplicial Groups

The simplex category  $\Delta$  is the category of linearly ordered finite sets of the form  $\{0, \dots, n\}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , and monotone maps between them.

A simplicial group is a functor from  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  to the category of groups.

This means, a simplicial group  $G$  consists of groups  $\dots, G_3, G_2, G_1, G_0$ , of face maps  $d_i = d_i^{G,n} : G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1}$  and of degeneracy maps  $s_j = s_j^{G,n} : G_n \rightarrow G_{n+1}$  between them, which are group morphisms and which satisfy certain relations.

The category of simplicial groups is denoted by *SimpGrp*.

Connected topological spaces can be modelled by simplicial groups as follows.

We have an equivalence between homotopy category of topological spaces and the homotopy category of simplicial sets; cf. [2, I, Th. 11.4].

Moreover, we have an equivalence between the homotopy category of reduced simplicial sets and the homotopy category of simplicial groups; cf. [2, V, Cor. 6.4].

Altogether, a simplicial group corresponds to a connected topological space via these equivalences.

## 0.2 Truncating simplicial groups to $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups

A  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group  $H$  consists of groups  $H_2, H_1, H_0$  and face and degeneracy morphisms as follows

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \xrightarrow{d_2^{H,2}} & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & \xleftarrow{s_1^{H,1}} & & \xrightarrow{d_1^{H,1}} \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 H_2 & \xrightarrow{d_1^{H,2}} & H_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0^{H,0}} & H_0, \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \xleftarrow{s_0^{H,1}} & & \xrightarrow{d_0^{H,1}} \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \xrightarrow{d_0^{H,2}} & & 
 \end{array}$$

satisfying certain relations and the Conduché condition

$$\left[ \ker(H_2 \xrightarrow{d_i^{H,2}} H_1), \bigcap_{j \in \{0,1,2\} \setminus \{i\}} \ker(H_2 \xrightarrow{d_j^{H,2}} H_1) \right] = 1$$

for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

The category of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups is denoted by  $[2, 0]$ -*SimpGrp*.

Given a simplicial group  $G$ , we consider the normal subgroup

$$\text{GNB}_2 := \left( \bigcap_{i \in \{1,2,3\}} \ker(G_3 \xrightarrow{d_i^{G,3}} G_2) \right) d_0 \trianglelefteq G_2.$$

We construct the truncation

$$G \text{ Trunc} := \left( \begin{array}{ccccc} & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_2^{G,2}} & & & \\ & \check{s}_1^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G & & \xrightarrow{d_1^{G,1}} & \\ G_2/GNB_2 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_1^{G,2}} & G_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0^{G,0}} & G_0 \\ & \check{s}_0^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G & & \xrightarrow{d_0^{G,1}} & \\ & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_0^{G,2}} & & & \end{array} \right).$$

Here  $\check{d}_i^{G,1}$  is induced by  $d_i^{G,1}$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Then  $G \text{ Trunc}$  is a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group.

We have obtained the truncation functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathit{SimpGrp} & \xrightarrow{\text{Trunc}} & [2, 0]\text{-}\mathit{SimpGrp} \\ G & \mapsto & G \text{ Trunc} . \end{array}$$

### 0.3 Crossed Squares

A crossed square is a commutative quadrangle of groups

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \longrightarrow & M' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \longrightarrow & P, \end{array}$$

where in addition  $M$  and  $M'$  act on  $L$ , where  $P$  acts on  $M$ ,  $M'$  and on  $L$ , together with a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times M' & \xrightarrow{\chi} & L \\ (m, m') & \mapsto & [m, m'], \end{array}$$

satisfying a list of compatibilities.

This notion is due to LODAY [3, Def. 5.1].

The category of crossed squares is denoted by  $\mathit{CrSq}$ .

For instance, given a group  $P$  and normal subgroups  $M, M' \trianglelefteq P$ , we obtain the crossed square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \cap M' & \hookrightarrow & M' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \hookrightarrow & P, \end{array}$$

in which all actions are given by conjugation and for which

$$[m, m'] := [m, m'] \in M \cap M'$$

is the commutator bracket, for  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

In a sense, crossed squares are the next bigger version of crossed modules.

In turn, crossed modules may be used to formulate the conditions appearing in the definition of a crossed square in a concise way.

## 0.4 A functor Sq from $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups to crossed squares

Suppose given a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group  $G$ .

For  $X \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}$ , we write

$$G_{2;X} := \bigcap_{i \in X} \ker(G_2 \xrightarrow{d_i^{G_2}} G_1) \trianglelefteq G_2.$$

Dropping the curly brackets in notation, we obtain e.g.

$$G_{2;0,2} = \ker(d_0^{G_2}) \cap \ker(d_2^{G_2}).$$

Following PORTER [5, Prop. 7, Proof of Lem. A], we define the crossed square

$$G \text{Sq} := \left( \begin{array}{ccc} G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1}} & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ \lambda_{G \text{Sq}}^{1,0} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_{0,1}^{G \text{Sq}} \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^{G \text{Sq}}} & G_2/G_{2;0} \end{array} \right),$$

in which all maps are identical on representatives, in which all actions are induced by conjugation and for which  $\chi^{G \text{Sq}}$  is given by the commutator of the representatives.

This yields the functor

$$[2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\text{Sq}} \text{CrSq}.$$

## 0.5 An isomorphic copy $G \text{Sq}^!$ of $G \text{Sq}$

Following PORTER [5, Prop. 8], we isomorphically replace  $G \text{Sq}$  by the crossed square

$$G \text{Sq}^! := \left( \begin{array}{ccc} N_2 & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{G \text{Sq}^!}^{0,1}} & N_1 \\ \lambda_{G \text{Sq}^!}^{1,0} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_{0,1}^{G \text{Sq}^!} \\ U_1 & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^{G \text{Sq}^!}} & N_0 \times N_1 \end{array} \right).$$

Here  $N_2 := G_{2;1,2}$ ,  $N_1 := G_{1;1}$ ,  $N_0 := G_0$  and  $U_1 := \{(n_1^- d_0, n_1) : n_1 \in N_1\} \trianglelefteq G_1$ .

Cf. CONDUCHÉ [1, Ex. 3.6].

Compared with  $G \text{Sq}$ , the variant  $G \text{Sq}^!$  has the advantage of working with subgroups instead of factor groups.

As a disadvantage,  $G \text{Sq}^!$  consists of more involved morphisms and actions as  $G \text{Sq}$ .

E.g.  $(n_1^- d_0, n_1) \in U_1$  acts on  $n_2 \in N_2$  via

$$n_2^{(n_1^- d_0, n_1)} = n_2^{(n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0}};$$

cf. Lemma 81.

## 0.6 Conclusion

Altogether, we have obtained the following functors.

$$\mathit{SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\text{Trunc}} [2, 0]\text{-}\mathit{SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\text{Sq}} \mathit{CrSq}$$

The functor Sq is not an equivalence.

In fact, using an abelian group  $A \neq 1$ , we may construct a crossed square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\lambda'=\text{id}_A} & A \\ \lambda=\text{id}_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu' \\ A & \xrightarrow{\mu} & 1. \end{array}$$

But a crossed square of the form  $G$  Sq has an injective lower horizontal morphism.

This to be seen in contrast to the situation for  $[1, 0]$ -simplicial groups, where there exists an equivalence

$$[1, 0]\text{-}\mathit{SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathit{CrMod}.$$



# 1 Conventions

Suppose given a group  $G$ .

- We use  $(\blacktriangle)$  as the symbol of composition.

We compose on the right, i.e. the composite of  $X \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{v} Z$  is written  $X \xrightarrow{u \blacktriangle v} Z$ .

Here,  $u \blacktriangle v$  reads "u comp v".

- Categories are supposed to be small with respect to a suitable universe.
- For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we write  $[n] := [0, n] = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq a \leq n\}$ .
- For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we write  $[n, 0] := \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq a \leq n\}$  ordered decreasingly.
- We write  $g^- := g^{-1}$  for the inverse element of  $g \in G$ .
- Suppose given  $g, h \in G$ .

We write  $h^g := g^- \cdot h \cdot g$  and  $[g, h] := g^- \cdot h^- \cdot g \cdot h$ .

- Suppose given subgroups  $M, N \leq G$ .

We write  $[M, N] := \langle [m, n] : m \in M, n \in N \rangle \leq G$ .

Note that if  $M, N \leq G$ , then  $[M, N] \leq G$ .

- Given a group isomorphism  $\varphi : G \xrightarrow{\sim} H$ , we often write

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varphi : G & \longrightarrow & H \\ g & \longmapsto & g\varphi \\ h\varphi^- & \longleftarrow & h. \end{array}$$

- Given  $N \leq G$ , we write

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rho = \rho_{G,N} : G & \longrightarrow & G/N \\ g & \longmapsto & gN \end{array}$$

for the residue class morphism.



## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Categories

**Definition 1** A *category*  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of a set of objects  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , a set of morphisms  $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ , maps

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{i=i_{\mathcal{C}}} \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) \quad (\text{identity}) \\ \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) & \xleftarrow{s=s_{\mathcal{C}}} \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) \quad (\text{source}) \\ \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) & \xleftarrow{t=t_{\mathcal{C}}} \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) \quad (\text{target}) \end{aligned}$$

and a map, called composition,

$$\text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C}) := \{(f, g) \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) \times \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) : ft = gs\} \xrightarrow{(f, g) \mapsto f \blacktriangle g} \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$$

subject to the following properties.

(1) We have

$$i \blacktriangle s = \text{id}_{\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})}$$

and

$$i \blacktriangle t = \text{id}_{\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})}.$$

(2) Suppose given  $(f, g) \in \text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C})$ .

Then we have

$$(f \blacktriangle g)s = fs$$

and

$$(f \blacktriangle g)t = gt.$$

(3) Suppose given  $f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ .

Then we have

$$f \blacktriangle fti = f$$

and

$$fsi \blacktriangle f = f.$$

(4) Suppose given  $f, g, h \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$  such that  $(f, g), (g, h) \in \text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C})$ .

Then we have

$$(f \blacktriangle g) \blacktriangle h = f \blacktriangle (g \blacktriangle h).$$

*Notation.*

- Suppose given  $f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ .

For  $X := fs_{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $Y := ft_{\mathcal{C}}$  in  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , we write  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  or  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

- For  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , we write  $\text{id}_X := Xi$ .
- For  $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , we write  ${}_c(X, Y) := \{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) : fs = X, ft = Y\}$ .

**Remark 2** The previous properties can be rewritten as follows.

(1) Given  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , we have

$$\text{id}_X \circ s = X \circ i_s = X$$

and

$$\text{id}_X \circ t = X \circ i_t = X.$$

Altogether,

$$X \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X} X.$$

(2) Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we obtain a diagram as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f \bullet g} & Z \end{array}$$

(3) Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we obtain

$$f \circ i = Y \circ i = \text{id}_Y \Rightarrow f \bullet \text{id}_Y = f$$

and

$$f \circ s = X \circ i = \text{id}_X \Rightarrow \text{id}_X \bullet f = f.$$

(4) Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \xrightarrow{h} E$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we have

$$f \bullet g \bullet h := (f \bullet g) \bullet h = f \bullet (g \bullet h).$$

**Example 3** Let  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Grp}$  be the category of groups.

Then  $\text{Ob}(\text{Grp})$  consists of all groups (in a given universe) and  $\text{Mor}(\text{Grp})$  consists of all group morphisms between objects of  $\text{Grp}$ .

**Definition 4** Suppose given a category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

The *opposite category*  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  consists of the following data.

- (1)  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) := \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$   
 $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) := \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$
- (2)  $i_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} := i_{\mathcal{C}}$   
 $s_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} := t_{\mathcal{C}}$   
 $t_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} := s_{\mathcal{C}}$
- (3)  $f \bullet_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g := g \bullet_{\mathcal{C}} f$

*Notation.*

- Given  $f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ , we often write  $f^{\text{op}} := f$ , if we consider it as an element of  $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$ .  
 So  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is written  $X \xleftarrow{f^{\text{op}}} Y$ , when considered in  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$ .
- Let  $(f, g) \in \text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$ . Then  $f^{\text{op}} \bullet_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g^{\text{op}} = (g \bullet_{\mathcal{C}} f)^{\text{op}}$ .  
 In detail,  $f^{\text{op}} \bullet_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g^{\text{op}} = f \bullet_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g = g \bullet_{\mathcal{C}} f = (g \bullet_{\mathcal{C}} f)^{\text{op}}$ .

**Remark 5** Suppose given a category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Then the opposite category  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  is also a category.

*Proof.* We have to verify that the opposite category fulfills the properties of Definition 1.

*Ad (1).* We have

$$\begin{aligned} i_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} \blacktriangle s_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} &= i_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle t_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= \text{id}_{\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})} \\ &= \text{id}_{\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} i_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} \blacktriangle t_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} &= i_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle s_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= \text{id}_{\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})} \\ &= \text{id}_{\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (2).* We have

$$\begin{aligned} (f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g) s_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} &= (g \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f) t_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= f t_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= f s_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g) t_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} &= (g \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f) s_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= g s_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= g t_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $(f, g) \in \text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$ .

*Ad (3).* We have

$$\begin{aligned} f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} f t_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} i_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} &= f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} f s_{\mathcal{C}} i_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= f s_{\mathcal{C}} i_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f \\ &= f \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f s_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} i_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} f &= f t_{\mathcal{C}} i_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} f \\ &= f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f t_{\mathcal{C}} i_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= f \end{aligned}$$

for  $f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$ .

*Ad (4).* We have

$$\begin{aligned} (f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} g) \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} h &= (g \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f) \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} h \\ &= h \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} (g \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f) \\ &= (h \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} g) \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f \\ &= (g \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} h) \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}} f \\ &= f \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} (g \blacktriangle_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} h) \end{aligned}$$

for  $f, g, h \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$  such that  $(f, g), (g, h) \in \text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})$ . □

## 2.2 Functors

**Definition 6** Suppose given categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ .

A *functor*  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  consists of maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Ob}(F)} & \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D}) \\ \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Mor}(F)} & \text{Mor}(\mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

such that the following properties hold.

- (1) (a)  $\text{Ob}(F) \blacktriangle i_{\mathcal{D}} = i_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle \text{Mor}(F)$
- (b)  $\text{Mor}(F) \blacktriangle s_{\mathcal{D}} = s_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle \text{Ob}(F)$
- (c)  $\text{Mor}(F) \blacktriangle t_{\mathcal{D}} = t_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangle \text{Ob}(F)$

(2) Suppose given  $(f, g) \in \text{Mor}_2(\mathcal{C})$ . Then we have

$$f \text{ Mor}(F) \blacktriangleleft g \text{ Mor}(F) = (f \blacktriangleleft g) \text{ Mor}(F).$$

*Notation.* We often write  $F := \text{Ob}(F)$  and  $F := \text{Mor}(F)$ , by abuse of notation.

**Remark 7** The previous properties can be rewritten as follows.

(1) (a) Given  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , we have

$$X(\text{Ob}(F) \blacktriangleleft i_{\mathcal{D}}) = XF i_{\mathcal{D}} = \text{id}_{XF}$$

and

$$X(i_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangleleft \text{Mor}(F)) = X i_{\mathcal{C}} F = \text{id}_X F.$$

So

$$\text{id}_{XF} = \text{id}_X F : XF \rightarrow XF.$$

(b) Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we have

$$f(\text{Mor}(F) \blacktriangleleft s_{\mathcal{D}}) = (fF) s_{\mathcal{D}}$$

and

$$f(s_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangleleft \text{Ob}(F)) = (f s_{\mathcal{C}}) F = XF.$$

Altogether,

$$(fF) s_{\mathcal{D}} = XF.$$

(c) Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we have

$$f(\text{Mor}(F) \blacktriangleleft t_{\mathcal{D}}) = (fF) t_{\mathcal{D}}$$

and

$$f(t_{\mathcal{C}} \blacktriangleleft \text{Ob}(F)) = (f t_{\mathcal{C}}) F = YF$$

Altogether,

$$(fF) t_{\mathcal{D}} = YF.$$

With (b) and (c), we come to the conclusion that

$$(X \xrightarrow{f} Y)F = (XF \xrightarrow{fF} YF).$$

(2) Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we obtain the following diagram in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & YF & \\ fF \nearrow & & \searrow gF \\ XF & \xrightarrow[\quad = (f \blacktriangleleft g)F \quad]{fF \blacktriangleleft gF} & ZF \end{array}$$

## 2.3 Transformations

Suppose given categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ .

**Definition 8** Suppose given functors  $F$  and  $G$  from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

A tuple  $a = (Xa)_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})}$  of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a *transformation* from  $F$  to  $G$ , displayed as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & F & \\ \curvearrowright & \downarrow a & \curvearrowleft \\ \mathcal{C} & & \mathcal{D} \\ \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowright \\ & G & \end{array}$$

if the following properties (1, 2) hold.

- (1) We have  $XF \xrightarrow{Xa} XG$  for  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .
- (2) The quadrangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} XF & \xrightarrow{Xa} & XG \\ fF \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow fG \\ YF & \xrightarrow{Ya} & YG \end{array}$$

commutes for  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Remark 9** The commutativity of the quadrangle from property (2) of Definition 8 means that

$$Xa \blacktriangleleft fG = fF \blacktriangleleft Ya,$$

for  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Remark 10** Suppose given  $F \xrightarrow{a} G \xrightarrow{b} H$ .

Then  $a \blacktriangleleft b := (Xa \blacktriangleleft Xb)_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})}$  is a transformation from  $F$  to  $H$ .

So we have

$$X(a \blacktriangleleft b) = Xa \blacktriangleleft Xb$$

for  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Remark 11** Suppose given a functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ .

Then we have the identity transformation  $\text{id}_F := (\text{id}_{XF})_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})}$ .

So we have  $X \text{id}_F = \text{id}_{XF}$  for  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} XF & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{XF}} & XF \\ fF \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow fF \\ YF & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{YF}} & YF \end{array}$$

**Definition 12** We write  $[\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}]$  for the category of functors from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

The set of objects  $\text{Ob}([\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}])$  consists of the functors from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

The set of morphisms  $\text{Mor}([\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}])$  consists of the transformations between such functors.

Composition and identity are those given in Remark 10 and Remark 11.

## 2.4 The simplex category

**Definition 13** The *simplex category*  $\Delta$  has  $\text{Ob}(\Delta) := \{[n] : n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$ , where  $[n] = [0, n]$  is considered as a linearly ordered set.

The set of morphisms  $\text{Mor}(\Delta)$  consists of all the monotonic maps between these objects.

*Notation.* For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we write  $[n] := [0, n]$ .

**Definition 14** Suppose given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ .

For  $i \in [0, n]$ , we let

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_i^n : [n-1] &\longrightarrow [n] \\ j &\longmapsto \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } j \in [i, n-1] \\ j & \text{if } j \in [0, i-1]. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\delta_i^n$  is an injective monotone map from  $[n-1]$  to  $[n]$  with  $[n-1]\delta_i^n = [n] \setminus \{i\}$ .

So  $(\delta_i^n)^{\text{op}}$  is a morphism in  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  from  $[n]$  to  $[n-1]$ .

For  $i \in [0, n]$ , we let

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i^n : [n+1] &\longrightarrow [n] \\ j &\longmapsto \begin{cases} j-1 & \text{if } j \in [i+1, n] \\ j & \text{if } j \in [0, i]. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\sigma_i^n$  is a surjective monotone map from  $[n+1]$  to  $[n]$  with  $i\sigma_i^n = (i+1)\sigma_i^n = i$ .

So  $(\sigma_i^n)^{\text{op}}$  is a morphism in  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  from  $[n]$  to  $[n+1]$ .

**Remark 15** The morphisms in the simplex category  $\Delta$  defined in Definition 14 satisfy the following relations.

Suppose given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

- (1)  $\delta_i^n \blacktriangle \delta_j^{n+1} = \delta_{j-1}^n \blacktriangle \delta_i^{n+1}$  for  $i \in [0, n]$ ,  $j \in [1, n+1]$  such that  $i < j$
- (2)  $\delta_i^{n+1} \blacktriangle \sigma_j^n = \sigma_{j-1}^{n-1} \blacktriangle \delta_i^n$  for  $i \in [0, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [1, n]$  such that  $i < j$
- (3)  $\delta_i^{n+1} \blacktriangle \sigma_j^n = \text{id}_{[n]}$  for  $i \in [0, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$  such that  $i \in \{j, j+1\}$
- (4)  $\delta_i^{n+1} \blacktriangle \sigma_j^n = \sigma_j^{n-1} \blacktriangle \delta_{i-1}^n$  for  $i \in [1, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$  such that  $i > j+1$
- (5)  $\sigma_i^{n+1} \blacktriangle \sigma_j^n = \sigma_{j+1}^{n+1} \blacktriangle \sigma_i^n$  for  $i \in [0, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$  such that  $i \leq j$

*Proof.* This follows e.g. from [4, Def. 1.1]. □

**Remark 16** Every morphism  $\alpha : [m] \rightarrow [n]$  of the simplex category  $\Delta$  can be written as a composite

$$\alpha = \sigma_{j_1}^{m-1} \blacktriangle \cdots \blacktriangle \sigma_{j_k}^{m-k} \blacktriangle \delta_{i_1}^{n-l+1} \blacktriangle \cdots \blacktriangle \delta_{i_l}^n$$

for some  $k \in [0, m]$  and  $l \in [0, n]$  such that  $m - k = n - l$  and for suitable  $j_a \in [0, m - a]$  for  $a \in [1, k]$  and suitable  $i_b \in [0, n - l + b]$  for  $b \in [1, l]$ .



## 2.5 Groups

### 2.5.1 An induced action

**Lemma 17** Suppose given a group  $G$ .

Suppose given subgroups  $M, N, P \leq G$  with  $M \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $N \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $P \trianglelefteq N$  and  $[M, N] \leq P$ .

Then we have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : G/M &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(N/P) \\ gM &\mapsto (nP \mapsto n^g P). \end{aligned}$$

We often write  $(nP)^{gM} := (n)((gM)\gamma) = n^g P$  for  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$ .

*Proof.* We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 : G &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(N) \\ g &\mapsto (n \mapsto n^g). \end{aligned}$$

We *claim* that for  $g \in G$  there is a unique group morphism  $g\gamma_1 : N/P \mapsto N/P$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N/P & \xrightarrow{g\gamma_1} & N/P \\ \uparrow \rho & \circlearrowleft & \uparrow \rho \\ N & \xrightarrow{g\gamma_0} & N. \end{array}$$

In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (P)(g\gamma_0)\rho &= (P^g)\rho \\ &\stackrel{P \trianglelefteq G}{\cong} P\rho \\ &= 1_{N/P}, \end{aligned}$$

so that there exists a unique group morphism  $g\gamma_1$  making this quadrangle commutative.

This proves the *claim*.

For  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (nP)(g\gamma_1) &= ((n)\rho)(g\gamma_1) \\ &= ((n)(g\gamma_0))\rho \\ &= n^g P. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $1\gamma_1 = \text{id}_{N/P}$ .

For  $g, \tilde{g} \in G$ , we have

$$(g \cdot \tilde{g})\gamma_1 = g\gamma_1 \blacktriangle \tilde{g}\gamma_1,$$

since for  $n \in N$ , we obtain

$$(nP)((g \cdot \tilde{g})\gamma_1) = n^{g \cdot \tilde{g}} P$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (nP)(g\gamma_1 \blacktriangle \tilde{g}\gamma_1) &= (n^g P)(\tilde{g}\gamma_1) \\ &= (n^g)^{\tilde{g}} P, \end{aligned}$$

which is the same.

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} g\gamma_1 \blacktriangle g^{-}\gamma_1 &= (g \cdot g^{-})\gamma_1 \\ &= 1\gamma_1 \\ &= \text{id}_{N/P} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g^- \gamma_1 \blacktriangle g \gamma_1 &= (g^- \cdot g) \gamma_1 \\ &= 1_{\gamma_1} \\ &= \text{id}_{N/P}, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $g \gamma_1 \in \text{Aut}(N/P)$ .

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 : G &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N/P) \\ g &\longmapsto (g \gamma_1 : nP \mapsto n^g P). \end{aligned}$$

is a group morphism.

To show that there exists a unique group morphism  $\gamma : G/M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N/P)$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G/M & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \text{Aut}(N/P) \\ \rho \uparrow & \nearrow \gamma_1 & \\ G & & \end{array}$$

commutes, we have to show that  $M \gamma_1 = 1$ .

Suppose given  $m \in M$ . We have to show that  $m \gamma_1 = 1 = \text{id}_{N/P}$ .

In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (nP)(m \gamma_1) &= (n^m)P \\ &= nP \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in N$ , because  $n^- n^m = n^- m^- n m = [n, m] \in P$ .

So  $\gamma$  uniquely exists as described.

Then  $(gM) \gamma = g \rho \gamma = g \gamma_1$  maps  $nP$  to  $(nP)(g \gamma_1) = n^g P$ , as stated in the lemma.  $\square$

## 2.5.2 An induced isomorphism on the automorphisms groups

**Remark 18** Suppose given a group isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{q} : G \xrightarrow{\sim} H.$$

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathfrak{q}} : \text{Aut}(G) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Aut}(H) \\ \alpha &\longmapsto \hat{\mathfrak{q}} \alpha \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q} \\ \mathfrak{q} \blacktriangle \beta \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}^- &\longleftarrow \hat{\mathfrak{q}}^- \beta. \end{aligned}$$

## 2.5.3 Semidirect products

**Definition 19** Suppose given groups  $H$  and  $K$ .

Suppose given a group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : H &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(K) \\ h &\longmapsto (h \gamma : k \mapsto k(h \gamma) =: k^h). \end{aligned}$$

The *semidirect product*  $H \rtimes_{\gamma} K = \{(h, k) : h \in H, k \in K\}$  of  $H$  and  $K$  with respect to  $\gamma$  carries the multiplication  $(h, k) \cdot (\tilde{h}, \tilde{k}) := (h \cdot \tilde{h}, k^{\tilde{h}} \cdot \tilde{k})$ , where  $(h, k), (\tilde{h}, \tilde{k}) \in H \rtimes_{\gamma} K$ .

*Notation.* We often write  $H \rtimes K := H \rtimes_{\gamma} K$ .

**Lemma 20** The semidirect product  $H \rtimes K$  is a group.

*Proof.* Suppose given  $(a, b)$ ,  $(c, d)$ ,  $(e, f)$  and  $(h, k)$  in  $H \rtimes K$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((a, b) \cdot (c, d)) \cdot (e, f) &= (ac, b^c d) \cdot (e, f) \\ &= (ace, (b^c d)^e f) \\ &= (ace, b^{ce} d^e f) \\ &= (a, b) \cdot (ce, d^e f) \\ &= (a, b) \cdot ((c, d) \cdot (e, f)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (h, k) \cdot (1, 1) &= (h \cdot 1, k^1 \cdot 1) \\ &= (h, k). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (h, k) \cdot (h^-, (k^-)^{h^-}) &= (hh^-, k^{h^-} (k^-)^{h^-}) \\ &= (hh^-, (kk^-)^{h^-}) \\ &= (1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

So the multiplication on  $H \rtimes K$  is associative with the neutral element  $1_{H \rtimes K} = (1, 1)$  and the respective inverse element  $(h, k)^- = (h^-, (k^-)^{h^-})$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 21** Suppose given groups  $H$  and  $G$  and the following commutative triangle of group morphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G & \\ s \nearrow & & \searrow d \\ H & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_H} & H \end{array}$$

(A circular arrow indicates commutativity of the triangle.)

Let  $K := \ker(d) \trianglelefteq G$ .

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : H &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(K) \\ h &\longmapsto (h\gamma : k \mapsto k^h := k^{hs}). \end{aligned}$$

We consider the semidirect product  $H \rtimes K := H \rtimes_{\gamma} K$ .

So we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : H \rtimes K &\longrightarrow G \\ (h, k) &\longmapsto hs \cdot k, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^- : G &\longrightarrow H \rtimes K \\ g &\longmapsto (gd, g^- ds \cdot g). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The map  $\gamma$  is a group morphism as the composite of the group morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} H &\xrightarrow{s} G \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(K) \\ g &\longmapsto (k \mapsto k^g). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $h, \tilde{h} \in H$ ,  $k, \tilde{k} \in K$  and  $g, \tilde{g} \in G$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((h, k) \cdot (\tilde{h}, \tilde{k}))\varphi &= (h \cdot \tilde{h}, k^{\tilde{h}} \cdot \tilde{k})\varphi \\
 &= (h \cdot \tilde{h})_s \cdot k^{\tilde{h}} \cdot \tilde{k} \\
 &= hs \cdot \tilde{h}s \cdot k^{\tilde{h}s} \cdot \tilde{k} \\
 &= hs \cdot \tilde{h}s \cdot (\tilde{h}s)^{-} \cdot k \cdot \tilde{h}s \cdot \tilde{k} \\
 &= (hs \cdot k) \cdot (\tilde{h}s \cdot \tilde{k}) \\
 &= (h, k)\varphi \cdot (\tilde{h}, \tilde{k})\varphi.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the claimed inverse  $\varphi^{-}$  has

$$g\varphi^{-} = (gd, g^{-}ds \cdot g)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g^{-}ds \cdot g)d &= g^{-}dsd \cdot gd \\
 &= 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $g^{-}ds \cdot g \in K$ .

It yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (h, k)(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi^{-}) &= (hs \cdot k)(\varphi^{-}) \\
 &= ((hs \cdot k)d, (hs \cdot k)^{-}ds \cdot (hs \cdot k)) \\
 &= (hsd \cdot kd, (hsds \cdot kds)^{-} \cdot hs \cdot k) \\
 &= (h, (hs)^{-} \cdot hs \cdot k) \\
 &= (h, k) \\
 &= (h, k) \text{id}_{H \times K}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g)(\varphi^{-} \blacktriangle \varphi) &= (gd, g^{-}ds \cdot g)\varphi \\
 &= gds \cdot g^{-}ds \cdot g \\
 &= gds \cdot (gds)^{-} \cdot g \\
 &= g = g \text{id}_G.
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi^{-1} = \text{id}_{H \times K}$$

and

$$\varphi^{-1} \blacktriangle \varphi = \text{id}_G.$$

□

**Lemma 22** Suppose given groups  $H$  and  $G$  and the following commutative triangle of group morphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & G & \\
 s \nearrow & & \searrow d \\
 H & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_H} & H
 \end{array}$$

Let  $K := \ker(d) \trianglelefteq G$ .

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi : G/K &\longrightarrow H \\
 gK &\longmapsto gd,
 \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi^{-} : H &\longrightarrow G/K \\
 h &\longmapsto hsK.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $K = \ker(d)$ , the injective group morphism  $\varphi$  exists as claimed in the assertion.

As the morphism  $d$  is surjective, also the morphism  $\varphi$  is surjective.

For  $h \in H$ , the claimed inverse  $\varphi^-$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} (h)(\varphi^- \blacktriangle \varphi) &= (h\varphi^-)\varphi \\ &= (hsK)\varphi \\ &= hsd \\ &= h \\ &= h \operatorname{id}_H. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi^- \blacktriangle \varphi = \operatorname{id}_H$  and thus  $\varphi^-$  is in fact the inverse to  $\varphi$ . □

## 2.6 Crossed modules

**Definition 23** Suppose given groups  $M$  and  $B$ .

Suppose given a group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : B &\longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(M) \\ b &\longmapsto b\gamma. \end{aligned}$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} b\gamma : M &\longrightarrow M \\ m &\longmapsto m(b\gamma) =: m^b. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $(m\tilde{m})^b = m^b \cdot \tilde{m}^b$  and  $m^{b\tilde{b}} = (m^b)^{\tilde{b}}$  for  $m, \tilde{m} \in M, b, \tilde{b} \in B$ .

Suppose given a group morphism  $f : M \rightarrow B$ .

Suppose the following properties (CM 1, 2) to hold.

(CM 1)  $(m^b)f = (mf)^b$  for  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ .

(CM 2)  $m^n = m^{nf}$  for  $m, n \in M$  (Peiffer identity).

Then the quadruple

$$(M, B, \gamma, f)$$

is called a *crossed module*.

*Notation.* We often write just  $(M, B)$  to denote this crossed module.

**Example 24** Suppose given a group  $B$  and a normal subgroup  $M \trianglelefteq B$  with the inclusion morphism

$$f : M \hookrightarrow B : m \mapsto m.$$

We have the morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : B &\longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(M) \\ b &\longmapsto (m \mapsto m^b), \end{aligned}$$

given by conjugation in  $B$ .

Then

$$(M, B, \gamma, f)$$

is a crossed module.

*Proof.*

*Ad (CM 1).* Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (m^b)f &= m^b \\ &= (mf)^b. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CM 2).* Suppose given  $m, n \in M$ . Then we have

$$m^n = m^{nf}.$$

□

**Example 25** Suppose given abelian groups  $M$  and  $B$ .

Suppose given a group morphism

$$f : M \rightarrow B.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : B &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(M) \\ b &\longmapsto \text{id}_M. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(M, B, \gamma, f)$$

is a crossed module.

*Proof.*

*Ad (CM 1).* Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (m^b)f &= mf \\ &= (mf)^b. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CM 2).* Suppose given  $m, n \in M$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} m^n &= m \\ &= m^{nf}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 26** Suppose given crossed modules  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$  and  $(M', B', \gamma', f')$ .

Suppose given group morphisms  $\mu : M \rightarrow M'$  and  $\beta : B \rightarrow B'$  such that  $f \blacktriangle \beta = \mu \blacktriangle f'$  and such that  $(m^b)\mu = (m\mu)^{b\beta}$  for  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \mu \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \beta \\ M' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' \end{array}$$

Then we call

$$(\mu, \beta) : (M, B, \gamma, f) \rightarrow (M', B', \gamma', f')$$

a *morphism of crossed modules*.

**Remark 27** Suppose given morphisms of crossed modules

$$(M, B, \gamma, f) \xrightarrow{(\mu, \beta)} (M', B', \gamma', f') \xrightarrow{(\mu', \beta')} (M'', B'', \gamma'', f'').$$

Then the composite

$$(\mu, \beta) \blacktriangle (\mu', \beta') := (\mu \blacktriangle \mu', \beta \blacktriangle \beta')$$

is a morphism of crossed modules from  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$  to  $(M'', B'', \gamma'', f'')$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \mu \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \beta \\ M' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' \\ \mu' \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \beta' \\ M'' & \xrightarrow{f''} & B'' \end{array}$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} f \blacktriangle (\beta \blacktriangle \beta') &= (f \blacktriangle \beta) \blacktriangle \beta' \\ &= (\mu \blacktriangle f') \blacktriangle \beta' \\ &= \mu \blacktriangle (f' \blacktriangle \beta') \\ &= \mu \blacktriangle (\mu' \blacktriangle f'') \\ &= (\mu \blacktriangle \mu') \blacktriangle f''. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (m^b)(\mu \blacktriangle \mu') &= (m^b \mu) \mu' \\ &= ((m \mu)^{b \beta}) \mu' \\ &= ((m \mu) \mu')^{(b \beta) \beta'} \\ &= (m(\mu \blacktriangle \mu'))^{b(\beta \blacktriangle \beta')}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 28** Suppose given a crossed module  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$ .

Then its identity, given by

$$\text{id}_{(M, B, \gamma, f)} := (\text{id}_M, \text{id}_B) : (M, B, \gamma, f) \rightarrow (M, B, \gamma, f)$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

**Remark 29** We have the *category of crossed modules*, written  $\text{CrMod}$ .

It has crossed modules as objects and crossed modules morphisms as morphisms; cf. Definition 23 and Definition 26.

The composite of morphisms is described in Remark 27.

The identity on an object is described in Remark 28.

**Remark 30** Suppose given a morphism of crossed modules

$$(\mu, \beta) : (M, B, \gamma, f) \rightarrow (M', B', \gamma', f').$$

Then  $(\mu, \beta)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{CrMod}$  if and only if  $\mu$  and  $\beta$  are group isomorphisms.

In this case, we have  $(\mu, \beta)^- = (\mu^-, \beta^-)$  in  $\mathit{CrMod}$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to show that if  $\mu$  and  $\beta$  are group isomorphisms, then

$$(\mu^-, \beta^-) : (M', B', \gamma', f') \rightarrow (M, B, \gamma, f)$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \uparrow \wr \mu^- & \circlearrowleft & \wr \beta^- \uparrow \\ M' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' \end{array}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^- \blacktriangle f &= \mu^- \blacktriangle f \blacktriangle \beta \blacktriangle \beta^- \\ &= \mu^- \blacktriangle \mu \blacktriangle f' \blacktriangle \beta^- \\ &= f' \blacktriangle \beta^-. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $m' \in M'$  and  $b' \in B'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (m'^{b'})\mu^- &= (m'\mu^-\mu)^{b'\beta^-\beta}\mu^- \\ &= ((m'\mu^-)^{b'\beta^-})\mu\mu^- \\ &= (m'\mu^-)^{b'\beta^-}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 31** Suppose given  $M \triangleleft B \leq B'$  and  $M \leq M' \triangleleft B'$

Then we have the crossed modules  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$ ,  $(M', B', \gamma', f')$  where  $f, f'$  are the inclusion morphisms and  $\gamma, \gamma'$  are given by conjugation,  $(m)(b\gamma) = m^b$  and  $(m')(b'\gamma') = m'^{b'}$ , where  $m \in M, b \in B, m' \in M'$  and  $b' \in B'$ .

Cf. Example 24.

We have inclusion morphisms  $\mu : M \rightarrow M'$  and  $\beta : B \rightarrow B'$  with  $f \blacktriangle \beta = \mu \blacktriangle f'$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xleftarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow \mu & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \beta \\ M' & \xleftarrow{f'} & B' \end{array}$$

Then

$$(\mu, \beta) : (M, B, \gamma, f) \rightarrow (M', B', \gamma', f')$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

*Proof.* Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (m^b)\mu &= m^b \\ &= (m\mu)^b \\ &= (m\mu)^{b\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

□



**Example 32** Suppose given crossed modules  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$  and  $(M', B', \gamma', f')$ , with  $M, M', B, B'$  abelian groups, as in Example 25.

So we have the trivial group morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : B &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(M) \\ b &\mapsto \text{id}_M \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma' : B' &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(M') \\ b' &\mapsto \text{id}_{M'}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given group morphisms  $\mu : M \rightarrow M'$  and  $\beta : B \rightarrow B'$  such that  $f \blacktriangle \beta = \mu \blacktriangle f'$  for  $m \in M$ .

Then

$$(\mu, \beta) : (M, B, \gamma, f) \rightarrow (M', B', \gamma', f')$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

*Proof.* Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (m^b)\mu &= m\mu \\ &= (m\mu)^{b\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 33** Suppose given a crossed module  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$ .

Suppose given group isomorphisms  $M \xrightarrow[\sim]{\mu} M'$  and  $B \xrightarrow[\sim]{\beta} B'$ .

Let  $f' := \mu^{-1} \blacktriangle f \blacktriangle \beta : M' \rightarrow B'$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \mu \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow \beta \\ M' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' \end{array}$$

Let  $\gamma' := \beta^{-1} \blacktriangle \gamma \blacktriangle \hat{\mu} : B' \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M')$ ; cf. Remark 18.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \text{Aut}(M) \\ \beta \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow \hat{\mu} \\ B' & \xrightarrow{\gamma'} & \text{Aut}(M') \end{array}$$

- (1) Then  $(M', B', \gamma', f')$  is a crossed module.
- (2) Moreover,  $(\mu, \beta)$  is an isomorphism of crossed modules from  $(M, B, \gamma, f)$  to  $(M', B', \gamma', f')$ .

*Proof.*

*Ad* (1). We have to show that  $(M', B', \gamma', f')$  is a crossed module; cf. Definition 23.

*Ad (CM 1).* Suppose given  $m' \in M'$  and  $b' \in B'$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(m'^{b'})f' &= ((m')(b'\gamma'))f' \\
&= ((m')(b'(\beta^- \blacktriangle \gamma \blacktriangle \hat{\mu})))f' \\
&= ((m')(b'\beta^- \gamma \hat{\mu}))f' \\
&\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} ((m')(\mu^- \blacktriangle b'\beta^- \gamma \blacktriangle \mu))f' \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)(b'\beta^- \gamma)\mu)f' \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)(b'\beta^- \gamma)\mu)(\mu^- \blacktriangle f \blacktriangle \beta) \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)(b'\beta^- \gamma))f\beta \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)^{b'\beta^-})f\beta \\
&= ((m'\mu^- f)^{b'\beta^-})\beta \\
&= (m'\mu^- f\beta)^{b'\beta^-} \\
&= (m'(\mu^- \blacktriangle f \blacktriangle \beta))^{b'} \\
&= (m'f')^{b'}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CM 2).* Suppose given  $m', n' \in M'$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
m'n'f' &= (m')(n'f'\gamma') \\
&= (m')(n'(\mu^- \blacktriangle f \blacktriangle \beta)\gamma') \\
&= (m')(n'\mu^- f\beta\gamma') \\
&= (m')(n'\mu^- f\beta(\beta^- \blacktriangle \gamma \blacktriangle \hat{\mu})) \\
&= (m')(n'\mu^- f\gamma\hat{\mu}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (m')(\mu^- \blacktriangle (n'\mu^- f\gamma) \blacktriangle \mu) \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)(n'\mu^- f\gamma))\mu \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)^{n'\mu^- f})\mu \\
&= ((m'\mu^-)^{n'\mu^-})\mu \\
&= (m'\mu^- \mu)^{n'\mu^- \mu} \\
&= m'n'.
\end{aligned}$$

*Ad (2).* We have to show that  $(\mu, \beta)$  is a morphism of crossed modules; cf. Definition 26 and Remark 30.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu \blacktriangle f' &= \mu \blacktriangle \mu^- \blacktriangle f \blacktriangle \beta \\
&= f \blacktriangle \beta.
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $b \in B$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(m\mu)^{b\beta} &= (m\mu)(b\beta\gamma') \\
&= (m\mu)(b\beta(\beta^- \blacktriangle \gamma \blacktriangle \hat{\mu})) \\
&= (m\mu)(b\gamma\hat{\mu}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (m\mu)(\mu^- \blacktriangle b\gamma \blacktriangle \mu) \\
&= ((m)(b\gamma))\mu \\
&= (m^b)\mu.
\end{aligned}$$

□

# 3 Simplicial groups and $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups

## 3.1 Simplicial groups

**Definition 34** A *simplicial group* is a functor  $G$  from  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  to  $\text{Grp}$ .

A *morphism* of simplicial groups is a transformation between such functors.

We denote the category of simplicial groups by  $\text{SimpGrp} := [\Delta^{\text{op}}, \text{Grp}]$ .

**Definition 35** Suppose given a morphism  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} H$  of simplicial groups.

For  $k \geq 0$ , we write  $G_k := [k]G$  and  $\varphi_k := [k]\varphi : G_k \rightarrow H_k$ . So  $\varphi = (\varphi_n)_{n \geq 0} : G \rightarrow H$ .

The *face morphisms* are  $d_i^{G,n} := (\delta_i^n)^{\text{op}}G$  from  $G_n$  to  $G_{n-1}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  and  $i \in [0, n]$ .

The *degeneracy morphisms* are  $s_i^{G,n} := (\sigma_i^n)^{\text{op}}G$  from  $G_n$  to  $G_{n+1}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $i \in [0, n]$ .

We often write  $d_i := d_i^{G,n}$  and  $s_i := s_i^{G,n}$ .

**Remark 36** Suppose given simplicial groups  $G, H$  and for  $n \geq 0$  a group morphism  $\varphi_n : G_n \rightarrow H_n$ .

Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- (1) The tuple  $(\varphi_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a morphism of simplicial groups.
- (2) We have the commutative quadrangles

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_n & \xrightarrow{\varphi_n} & H_n \\
 d_i^{G,n} \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow d_i^{H,n} \\
 G_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{n-1}} & H_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

for  $n \geq 1$  and  $i \in [0, n]$  and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_n & \xrightarrow{\varphi_n} & H_n \\
 s_j^{G,n} \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow s_j^{H,n} \\
 G_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{n+1}} & H_{n+1}
 \end{array}$$

for  $n \geq 0$  and  $j \in [0, n]$ .

*Proof.* Ad  $((2) \Rightarrow (1))$ . Suppose given a morphism  $\alpha : [m] \rightarrow [n]$  in  $\Delta$ .

As we know from Remark 16,  $\alpha$  is a composite of morphisms of the form  $\sigma_j$  and  $\delta_i$ .

Therefore,  $G_\alpha := \alpha^{\text{op}}G$  is a composite of morphisms of the form  $\sigma_j^{\text{op}}G = s_j$  and  $\delta_i^{\text{op}}G = d_i$ .

Likewise for  $H_\alpha$ .

So the quadrangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_n & \xrightarrow{\varphi_n} & H_n \\
 G_\alpha \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow H_\alpha \\
 G_m & \xrightarrow{\varphi_m} & H_m
 \end{array}$$

commutes as a composite of commutative quadrangles.

Therefore  $\varphi = (\varphi_n)_{n \geq 0} : G \rightarrow H$  is a morphism of simplicial groups.

*Ad ((1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)).* Assertion (2) is a special case of (1) because of

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_i^{G,n} &= \delta_i^n G \\
 d_i^{H,n} &= \delta_i^n H \\
 s_j^{G,n} &= \sigma_j^n G \\
 s_j^{H,n} &= \sigma_j^n H.
 \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Definition 8. □

**Example 37** We consider the composites

$$\delta_0^1 \blacktriangle \delta_2^2$$

and

$$\delta_1^1 \blacktriangle \delta_0^2$$

and we see that they both map 0 to 1:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & 2 \\
 & \nearrow & \\
 & 1 & \longrightarrow 1 \\
 \nearrow & & \\
 0 & 0 & \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & & 2 \\
 & \nearrow & \\
 & 1 & \longrightarrow 1 \\
 \nearrow & & \\
 0 & 0 & \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

So we have

$$\delta_0^1 \blacktriangle \delta_2^2 = \delta_1^1 \blacktriangle \delta_0^2.$$

This means

$$(\delta_2^2)^{\text{op}} \blacktriangle (\delta_0^1)^{\text{op}} = (\delta_0^2)^{\text{op}} \blacktriangle (\delta_1^1)^{\text{op}}.$$

So for a simplicial group  $G : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}rp$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_2 \blacktriangle d_0 &= (\delta_2^2)^{\text{op}} G \blacktriangle (\delta_0^1)^{\text{op}} G \\
 &= (\delta_0^2)^{\text{op}} G \blacktriangle (\delta_1^1)^{\text{op}} G \\
 &= d_0 \blacktriangle d_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 38** The face and degeneracy morphisms satisfy the following relations.

Suppose given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and a simplicial group  $G : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}rp$ .

- (1)  $d_j^{G,n+1} \blacktriangle d_i^{G,n} = d_i^{G,n+1} \blacktriangle d_{j-1}^{G,n}$  for  $i \in [0, n]$ ,  $j \in [1, n+1]$  such that  $i < j$
- (2)  $s_j^{G,n} \blacktriangle d_i^{G,n+1} = d_i^{G,n} \blacktriangle s_{j-1}^{G,n-1}$  for  $i \in [0, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [1, n]$  such that  $i < j$
- (3)  $s_j^{G,n} \blacktriangle d_i^{G,n+1} = \text{id}_{G_n}$  for  $i \in [0, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$  such that  $i \in \{j, j+1\}$

- (4)  $s_j^{G,n} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G,n+1} = d_{i-1}^{G,n} \blacktriangleleft s_j^{G,n-1}$  for  $i \in [1, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$  such that  $i > j+1$
- (5)  $s_j^{G,n} \blacktriangleleft s_i^{G,n+1} = s_i^{G,n} \blacktriangleleft s_{j+1}^{G,n+1}$  for  $i \in [0, n+1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$  such that  $i \leq j$

*Proof.* This follows e.g. from MAY [4, Def. 2.1, Def. 1.1]. □

### 3.2 [2, 0]-simplicial groups

**Definition 39** Suppose given groups  $G_0$ ,  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

Furthermore, suppose given the following group morphisms.

$$\begin{aligned} d_0^{G,2}, d_1^{G,2}, d_2^{G,2} : G_2 &\rightarrow G_1 \\ s_0^{G,1}, s_1^{G,1} : G_1 &\rightarrow G_2 \\ d_0^{G,1}, d_1^{G,1} : G_1 &\rightarrow G_0 \\ s_0^{G,0} : G_0 &\rightarrow G_1 \end{aligned}$$

We display these data as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & d_2^{G,2} & & \\ & & \longrightarrow & & \\ & s_1^{G,1} & & d_1^{G,1} & \\ & \longleftarrow & & \longrightarrow & \\ G_2 & d_1^{G,2} & G_1 & s_0^{G,0} & G_0 \\ & \longleftarrow & & \longrightarrow & \\ & s_0^{G,1} & & d_0^{G,1} & \\ & \longrightarrow & & \longrightarrow & \\ & d_0^{G,2} & & & \\ & \longrightarrow & & & \end{array}$$

Suppose that the conditions (1,2) hold.

(1) We have

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G,1} &= \text{id}_{G_0} \\ s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangleleft d_1^{G,1} &= \text{id}_{G_0} \\ s_0^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G,2} &= \text{id}_{G_1} \\ s_0^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft d_1^{G,2} &= \text{id}_{G_1} \\ s_1^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft d_1^{G,2} &= \text{id}_{G_1} \\ s_1^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft d_2^{G,2} &= \text{id}_{G_1} \\ s_0^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft d_2^{G,2} &= d_1^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G,0} \\ s_1^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G,2} &= d_0^{G,1} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G,0} \\ d_1^{G,2} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G,1} &= d_0^{G,2} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G,1} \\ d_2^{G,2} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G,1} &= d_0^{G,2} \blacktriangleleft d_1^{G,1} \\ d_2^{G,2} \blacktriangleleft d_1^{G,1} &= d_1^{G,2} \blacktriangleleft d_1^{G,1} \\ s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G,1} &= s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangleleft s_1^{G,1}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\ker d_0^{G,2}, \ker d_1^{G,2} \cap \ker d_2^{G,2}] &= 1 \\ [\ker d_1^{G,2}, \ker d_0^{G,2} \cap \ker d_2^{G,2}] &= 1 \\ [\ker d_2^{G,2}, \ker d_0^{G,2} \cap \ker d_1^{G,2}] &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then we call

$$G := (G_2, G_1, G_0, d_0^{G,2}, d_1^{G,2}, d_2^{G,2}, s_0^{G,1}, s_1^{G,1}, d_0^{G,1}, d_1^{G,1}, s_0^{G,0})$$

a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group.

Often, we write the *face morphisms*  $d_i := d_i^{G,n}$  for  $n \in [1, 2]$  and  $i \in [0, n]$  and the *degeneracy morphisms*  $s_i := s_i^{G,n}$  for  $n \in [0, 1]$  and  $i \in [0, n]$ .

**Definition 40** Suppose given  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups  $G$  and  $H$  and a tuple of group morphism  $\varphi = (\varphi_n)_{n \in [2,0]}$ .

Then  $\varphi$  is called a *morphism of [2, 0]-simplicial groups* if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_n & \xrightarrow{\varphi_n} & H_n \\ d_i^{G,n} \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow d_i^{H,n} \\ G_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{n-1}} & H_{n-1} \end{array}$$

for  $n \in [1, 2]$ ,  $i \in [0, n]$  and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_n & \xrightarrow{\varphi_n} & H_n \\ s_j^{G,n} \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow s_j^{H,n} \\ G_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{n+1}} & H_{n+1} \end{array}$$

for  $n \in [0, 1]$ ,  $j \in [0, n]$ .

**Remark 41** By Definition 40, the morphism  $\varphi = (\varphi_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_0) : G \rightarrow H$  of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups satisfies several commutative quadrangles, such as the following ones, highlighted in dashed arrows.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccccc} & \xrightarrow{d_2} & & & \\ & \xleftarrow{s_1} & & & \\ & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & & \\ G_2 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \xrightarrow{d_0} & & \\ \varphi_2 \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \varphi_1 & & \downarrow \varphi_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_2} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & & \\ H_2 & \xleftarrow{s_1} & H_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & H_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \xrightarrow{d_0} & & \\ & \xleftarrow{s_0} & & & \\ & \xrightarrow{d_0} & & & \end{array} & , & \begin{array}{ccccc} & \xrightarrow{d_2} & & & \\ & \xleftarrow{s_1} & & & \\ & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & & \\ G_2 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \\ \varphi_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_1 & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \varphi_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_2} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & & \\ H_2 & \xleftarrow{s_1} & H_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & H_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \\ & \xleftarrow{s_0} & & & \\ & \xrightarrow{d_0} & & & \end{array} & , \text{ etc.} \end{array}$$

**Remark 42** Suppose given morphisms of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups  $\varphi = (\varphi_n)_{n \in [2,0]} : G \rightarrow H$  and  $\varphi' = (\varphi'_n)_{n \in [2,0]} : H \rightarrow K$ .

Then the composite

$$\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi' := (\varphi_n \blacktriangle \varphi'_n)_{n \in [2,0]} : G \rightarrow K$$

is also a morphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups.

**Remark 43** Suppose given a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group  $G$ .

Then its identity, given by

$$\text{id}_G := (\text{id}_{G_2}, \text{id}_{G_1}, \text{id}_{G_0}) : G \rightarrow G,$$

is a morphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups.

**Definition 44** We have the *category of [2, 0]-simplicial groups*, written  $[2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp}$ .

It has  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups as objects and  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group morphisms as morphisms; cf. Definition 39 and Definition 40.

The composite of morphisms is described in Remark 42.

The identity on an object is described in Remark 43.

### 3.3 From simplicial groups to $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups

#### 3.3.1 The construction for the object

Some of the arguments in this § 3.3.1 I have learned from [6].

Suppose given a simplicial group  $G$ .

**Definition 45** Let  $GN_k := \bigcap_{i \in [1, k]} \ker d_i^{G, k} \trianglelefteq G_k$ , for  $k \geq 0$ .

So e.g.  $GN_0 = G_0$  and  $GN_1 = \ker d_1^{G, 1}$ .

Note that for  $g \in GN_k$  and  $j \in [1, k - 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g d_0 d_j &= g d_{j+1} d_0 \\ &= 1 \cdot d_0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So  $g d_0 \in GN_{k-1}$ .

Let  $\delta_k = \delta_k^{GN} := d_0 \big|_{GN_k}^{GN_{k-1}}$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & GN_{k+1} & \xrightarrow{\delta_{k+1}} & GN_k & \xrightarrow{\delta_k} & GN_{k-1} & \xrightarrow{\delta_{k-1}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta_1} & GN_0 & \rightarrow & 1 & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & x & \mapsto & x\delta_{k+1} & & & & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

is defined to be the *Moore complex* of  $G$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} x\delta_{k+1}\delta_k &= x d_0 d_0 \\ &= x d_1 d_0 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in GN_{k+1}$ , so that  $GN$  is in fact a complex of groups.

**Remark 46** Suppose given  $g \in GN_3$  and  $x \in G_2$ .

Then  $(g d_0)^x$  is an element of  $(GN_3)\delta_3$ .

So  $GNB_2 := (GN_3)\delta_3 \trianglelefteq G_2$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} (g d_0)^x &= (g d_0)^{x s_0 d_0} \\ &= (x s_0 d_0)^{-} \cdot (g d_0) \cdot (x s_0 d_0) \\ &= (x^{-} s_0 d_0) \cdot (g d_0) \cdot (x s_0 d_0) \\ &= ((x^{-} s_0) \cdot g \cdot (x s_0)) d_0 \\ &= ((x s_0)^{-} \cdot g \cdot (x s_0)) d_0 \\ &= (g^{x s_0}) d_0. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $(g^{x s_0}) d_0 \in (GN_3) d_0$  because, for  $j \in [1, 3]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g^{x s_0}) d_j &= ((x s_0)^- \cdot g \cdot (x s_0)) d_j \\ &= (x s_0 d_j)^- \cdot (g d_j) \cdot (x s_0 d_j) \\ &= (x s_0 d_j)^- \cdot 1 \cdot (x s_0 d_j) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 47** Suppose given  $i \in [0, 2]$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \check{d}_i^{G,2} : G_2/GNB_2 &\longrightarrow G_1 \\ gGNB_2 &\longmapsto (gGNB_2)\check{d}_i^{G,2} := g d_i^{G,2}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a well-defined group morphism since  $(GNB_2) d_i^{G,2} = 1$ .

In fact, given  $g \in GN_3$  and thus  $g d_3 = g d_0^{G,3} \in GNB_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (g d_0^{G,3}) d_i^{G,2} &= g d_{i+1}^{G,3} d_0^{G,2} \\ &= 1 d_0^{G,2} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\rho^G \blacktriangleleft \check{d}_i^{G,2} = d_i^{G,2}$ , where  $\rho^G : G_2 \rightarrow G_2/GNB_2$  is the residue class morphism.

**Definition 48** We write

$$G_{3;X} := \bigcap_{i \in X} \ker d_i^{G,3} \trianglelefteq G_3$$

for  $X \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

We usually omit the set-braces of  $X$  when used as an index.

For example we write  $G_{3;1} = G_{3;\{1\}}$ ,  $G_{3;1,2,3} = G_{3;\{1,2,3\}}$ , etc.

Note that for  $Y \subseteq X \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , we have  $G_{3;X} \trianglelefteq G_{3;Y}$ .

**Remark 49** We have

$$\begin{aligned} GNB_2 &= (G_{3;1,2,3}) d_0^{G,3} \\ &= (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1^{G,3} \\ &= (G_{3;0,1,3}) d_2^{G,3}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We shall make frequent use of Remark 38 and Definition 48.

We write  $K_0 := (G_{3;1,2,3}) d_0$ ,  $K_1 := (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1$  and  $K_2 := (G_{3;0,1,3}) d_2$ .

We show  $K_0 \stackrel{!}{\trianglelefteq} K_1$ .

Suppose given  $a \in G_{3;1,2,3} \trianglelefteq G_3$ .

So we have  $a d_0 \in (G_{3;1,2,3}) d_0 = K_0 \trianglelefteq G_2$ .

Let  $z := a^- \cdot a d_0 s_0 \in G_3$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} z d_0 &= (a^- \cdot a d_0 s_0) d_0 = (a d_0)^- \cdot a d_0 s_0 d_0 = (a d_0)^- \cdot a d_0 = 1 \\ z d_2 &= (a^- \cdot a d_0 s_0) d_2 = (a d_2)^- \cdot a d_0 s_0 d_2 = 1 \cdot a d_0 d_1 s_0 = a d_2 d_0 s_0 = 1 d_0 s_0 = 1 \\ z d_3 &= (a^- \cdot a d_0 s_0) d_3 = (a d_3)^- \cdot a d_0 s_0 d_3 = 1 \cdot a d_0 d_2 s_0 = a d_3 d_0 s_0 = 1 d_0 s_0 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $z \in G_{3;0,2,3}$ .



And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} z d_1 &= (a^- \cdot a d_0 s_0) d_1 \\ &= (a d_1)^- \cdot a d_0 s_0 d_1 \\ &= a d_0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $a d_0 = z d_1 \in (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1 = K_1$ .

So

$$K_0 \leq K_1.$$

We show  $K_0 \stackrel{!}{\geq} K_1$ .

Suppose given  $b \in G_{3;0,2,3} \leq G_3$ .

So we have  $b d_1 \in (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1 = K_1 \leq G_2$ .

Let  $z^* := b^- \cdot b d_1 s_0 \in G_3$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} z^* d_1 &= (b^- \cdot b d_1 s_0) d_1 = (b d_1)^- \cdot b d_1 s_0 d_1 = (b d_1)^- \cdot b d_1 = 1 \\ z^* d_2 &= (b^- \cdot b d_1 s_0) d_2 = (b d_2)^- \cdot b d_1 s_0 d_2 = 1 \cdot b d_1 d_1 s_0 = b d_2 d_1 s_0 = 1 d_1 s_0 = 1 \\ z^* d_3 &= (b^- \cdot b d_1 s_0) d_3 = (b d_3)^- \cdot b d_1 s_0 d_3 = 1 \cdot b d_1 d_2 s_0 = b d_3 d_1 s_0 = 1 d_1 s_0 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $z^* \in G_{3;1,2,3}$ .

And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} z^* d_0 &= (b^- \cdot b d_1 s_0) d_0 \\ &= (b d_0)^- \cdot b d_1 s_0 d_0 \\ &= b d_1. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $b d_1 = z^* d_0 \in (G_{3;1,2,3}) d_0 = K_0$ .

So

$$K_0 \geq K_1.$$

We show  $K_1 \stackrel{!}{\leq} K_2$ .

Suppose given  $c \in G_{3;0,2,3} \leq G_3$ .

So we have  $c d_1 \in (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1 = K_1 \leq G_2$ .

Let  $z^{**} := c^- \cdot c d_1 s_1 \in G_3$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} z^{**} d_0 &= (c^- \cdot c d_1 s_1) d_0 = (c d_0)^- \cdot c d_1 s_1 d_0 = 1 \cdot c d_1 d_0 s_0 = c d_0 d_0 s_0 = 1 d_0 s_0 = 1 \\ z^{**} d_1 &= (c^- \cdot c d_1 s_1) d_1 = (c d_1)^- \cdot c d_1 s_1 d_1 = (c d_1)^- \cdot c d_1 = 1 \\ z^{**} d_3 &= (c^- \cdot c d_1 s_1) d_3 = (c d_3)^- \cdot c d_1 s_1 d_3 = 1 \cdot c d_1 d_2 s_1 = c d_3 d_1 s_1 = 1 d_1 s_1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $z^{**} \in G_{3;0,1,3}$ .

And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} z^{**} d_2 &= (c^- \cdot c d_1 s_1) d_2 \\ &= (c d_2)^- \cdot c d_1 s_1 d_2 \\ &= c d_1. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $c d_1 = z^{**} d_2 \in (G_{3;0,1,3}) d_2 = K_2$ .

So

$$K_1 \leq K_2.$$

We show  $K_1 \stackrel{!}{\geq} K_2$ .

Suppose given  $d \in G_{3;0,1,3} \leq G_3$ .

So we have  $d d_2 \in (G_{3;0,1,3}) d_2 = K_2 \leq G_2$ .

Let  $z^{***} := d^- \cdot d d_2 s_1 \in G_3$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} z^{***} d_0 &= (d^- \cdot d d_2 s_1) d_0 = (d d_0)^- \cdot d d_2 s_1 d_0 = 1 \cdot d d_2 d_0 s_0 = d d_0 d_1 s_0 = 1 d_1 s_0 = 1 \\ z^{***} d_2 &= (d^- \cdot d d_2 s_1) d_2 = (d d_2)^- \cdot d d_2 s_1 d_2 = (d d_2)^- \cdot d d_2 = 1 \\ z^{***} d_3 &= (d^- \cdot d d_2 s_1) d_3 = (d d_3)^- \cdot d d_2 s_1 d_3 = 1 \cdot d d_2 d_2 s_1 = d d_3 d_2 s_1 = 1 d_2 s_1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $z^{***} \in G_{3;0,2,3}$ .

And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} z^{***} d_1 &= (d^- \cdot d d_2 s_1) d_1 \\ &= (d d_1)^- \cdot d d_2 s_1 d_1 \\ &= d d_2. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $d d_2 = z^{***} d_1 \in (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1 = K_1$ .

So

$$K_1 \supseteq K_2.$$

Altogether, we have

$$K_0 = K_1 = K_2.$$

□

**Remark 50** The following equations hold in  $G_2/GNB_2$ .

- (1)  $[\ker \check{d}_0^{G,2}, \ker \check{d}_1^{G,2} \cap \ker \check{d}_2^{G,2}] = 1$
- (2)  $[\ker \check{d}_1^{G,2}, \ker \check{d}_0^{G,2} \cap \ker \check{d}_2^{G,2}] = 1$
- (3)  $[\ker \check{d}_2^{G,2}, \ker \check{d}_0^{G,2} \cap \ker \check{d}_1^{G,2}] = 1$

*Proof.*

*Ad (1).* Suppose given  $x = gGNB_2 \in G_2/GNB_2$  with  $1 = x \check{d}_0^{G,2} = (gGNB_2) \check{d}_0^{G,2} = g d_0^{G,2}$ , where  $g \in G_2$ .

Suppose given  $y = hGNB_2 \in G_2/GNB_2$  with  $1 = y \check{d}_1^{G,2} = (hGNB_2) \check{d}_1^{G,2} = h d_1^{G,2}$  and with  $1 = y \check{d}_2^{G,2} = (hGNB_2) \check{d}_2^{G,2} = h d_2^{G,2}$ , where  $h \in G_2$ .

We have to show that  $[x, y] = [gGNB_2, hGNB_2] = [g, h]GNB_2 \stackrel{!}{=} 1_{G_2} \cdot GNB_2$ .

This means that we want to show that  $[g, h] \stackrel{!}{\in} GNB_2 = GN_3 d_0 = (G_{3;1,2,3}) d_0 = (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1$ ; cf. Remark 49.

Let  $c := [g s_1, h s_0] \in G_3$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} c d_0 &= [g s_1, h s_0] d_0 = [g s_1 d_0, h s_0 d_0] = [g d_0 s_0, h] = [1 s_0, h] = 1 \\ c d_2 &= [g s_1, h s_0] d_2 = [g s_1 d_2, h s_0 d_2] = [g, h d_1 s_0] = [g, 1 s_0] = 1 \\ c d_3 &= [g s_1, h s_0] d_3 = [g s_1 d_3, h s_0 d_3] = [g d_2 s_1, h d_2 s_0] = [g d_2 s_1, 1 s_0] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $c \in G_{3;0,2,3}$ .

And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} c d_1 &= [g s_1, h s_0] d_1 \\ &= [g s_1 d_1, h s_0 d_1] \\ &= [g, h]. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $[g, h] = c d_1 \in (G_{3;0,2,3}) d_1$ .

*Ad (2).* Suppose given  $x = gGNB_2 \in G_2/GNB_2$  with  $1 = x\check{d}_1^{G,2} = (gGNB_2)\check{d}_1^{G,2} = g d_1^{G,2}$ , where  $g \in G_2$ .

Suppose given  $y = hGNB_2 \in G_2/GNB_2$  with  $1 = y\check{d}_0^{G,2} = (hGNB_2)\check{d}_0^{G,2} = h d_0^{G,2}$  and with  $1 = y\check{d}_2^{G,2} = (hGNB_2)\check{d}_2^{G,2} = h d_2^{G,2}$ , where  $h \in G_2$ .

We have to show that  $[x, y] = [gGNB_2, hGNB_2] = [g, h]GNB_2 \stackrel{!}{=} 1_{G_2} \cdot GNB_2$ .

This means that we want to show that  $[g, h] \stackrel{!}{\in} GNB_2 = (G_{3;1,2,3})d_0 = (G_{3;0,2,3})d_1$ ; cf. Remark 49.

Let  $c := [g s_0, h s_1] \in G_3$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} c d_0 &= [g s_0, h s_1] d_0 = [g s_0 d_0, h s_1 d_0] = [g, h d_0 s_0] = [g, 1 s_0] = 1 \\ c d_2 &= [g s_0, h s_1] d_2 = [g s_0 d_2, h s_1 d_2] = [g d_1 s_0, h] = [1 s_0, h] = 1 \\ c d_3 &= [g s_0, h s_1] d_3 = [g s_0 d_3, h s_1 d_3] = [g d_2 s_0, h d_2 s_1] = [g d_2 s_1, 1 s_1] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $c \in G_{3;1,2,3}$ .

And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} c d_1 &= [g s_0, h s_1] d_1 \\ &= [g s_0 d_1, h s_1 d_1] \\ &= [g, h]. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $[g, h] = c d_1 \in (G_{3;0,2,3})d_1$ .

*Ad (3).* Suppose given  $x = gGNB_2 \in G_2/GNB_2$  with  $1 = x\check{d}_2^{G,2} = (gGNB_2)\check{d}_2^{G,2} = g d_2^{G,2}$ , where  $g \in G_2$ .

Suppose given  $y = hGNB_2 \in G_2/GNB_2$  with  $1 = y\check{d}_0^{G,2} = (hGNB_2)\check{d}_0^{G,2} = h d_0^{G,2}$  and with  $1 = y\check{d}_1^{G,2} = (hGNB_2)\check{d}_1^{G,2} = h d_1^{G,2}$ , where  $h \in G_2$ .

We have to show that  $[x, y] = [gGNB_2, hGNB_2] = [g, h]GNB_2 \stackrel{!}{=} 1_{G_2} \cdot GNB_2$ .

This means that we want to show that  $[g, h] \stackrel{!}{\in} GNB_2 = (G_{3;1,2,3})d_0 = (G_{3;0,1,3})d_2$ ; cf. Remark 49.

Let  $c := [g s_1, h s_2] \in G_3$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} c d_0 &= [g s_1, h s_2] d_0 = [g s_1 d_0, h s_2 d_0] = [g d_0 s_0, h d_0 s_1] = [g d_0 s_0, 1 s_1] = 1 \\ c d_1 &= [g s_1, h s_2] d_1 = [g s_1 d_1, h s_2 d_1] = [g, h d_1 s_1] = [g, 1 s_1] = 1 \\ c d_3 &= [g s_1, h s_2] d_3 = [g s_1 d_3, h s_2 d_3] = [g d_2 s_1, h] = [1 s_1, h] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $c \in G_{3;0,1,3}$ .

And we also have

$$\begin{aligned} c d_2 &= [g s_1, h s_2] d_2 \\ &= [g s_1 d_2, h s_2 d_2] \\ &= [g, h]. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $[g, h] = c d_2 \in (G_{3;0,1,3})d_2$ . □

### 3.3.2 The construction for the morphism

**Remark 51** Suppose given a morphism of simplicial groups  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ .

Consider the residue class morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^G : G_2 &\longrightarrow G_2/GNB_2 \\ g &\longmapsto gGNB_2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^H : H_2 &\longrightarrow H_2/HNB_2 \\ h &\longmapsto hHNB_2. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} & H_2 \\ \rho^G \downarrow & \searrow \varphi_2 \blacktriangle \rho^H & \downarrow \rho^H \\ G_2/GNB_2 & & H_2/HNB_2. \end{array}$$

We have

$$(GNB_2)(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \rho^G) = 1,$$

since given  $g \in GN_3$ , we obtain, for  $j \in [1, 3]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (g\varphi_3) d_j &= g d_j \varphi_2 \\ &= 1 \cdot \varphi_2 \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $g\varphi_3 \in HN_3$ , hence  $g\varphi_3\delta_3 \in HNB_2$  and thus

$$\begin{aligned} (g\delta_3)(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \rho^H) &= g d_0 \varphi_2 \rho^H \\ &= g\varphi_3 d_0 \rho^H \\ &= g\varphi_3\delta_3 \rho^H \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there exists a unique group morphism  $\bar{\varphi}_2 : G_2/GNB_2 \rightarrow H_2/HNB_2$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} & H_2 \\ \rho^G \downarrow & \searrow \varphi_2 \blacktriangle \rho^H & \downarrow \rho^H \\ G_2/GNB_2 & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}_2} & H_2/HNB_2 \end{array}$$

commutes.

In particular, for  $g \in G_2$  we have  $(gGNB_2)\bar{\varphi}_2 = (g\varphi_2)HNB_2$ .

### 3.3.3 The truncation functor

**Definition 52** We shall define the following functor.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Trunc} := \text{Trunc}_{[2,0]} : \text{SimpGrp} &\longrightarrow [2,0]\text{-SimpGrp} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} G \\ \downarrow \varphi \\ H \end{array} \right) &\longmapsto \left( \begin{array}{c} G \text{ Trunc} \\ \downarrow \varphi \text{ Trunc} \\ H \text{ Trunc} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(1) Suppose given a simplicial group  $G$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} (G \text{ Trunc})_0 &:= G_0 \\ (G \text{ Trunc})_1 &:= G_1 \\ (G \text{ Trunc})_2 &:= G_2 / \text{GNB}_2. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Let  $d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},1} := d_i^{G,1} : (G \text{ Trunc})_1 \rightarrow (G \text{ Trunc})_0$  for  $i \in [0, 1]$ .

(b) Let  $s_0^{G \text{ Trunc},0} := s_0^{G,0} : (G \text{ Trunc})_0 \rightarrow (G \text{ Trunc})_1$ .

(c) Suppose given  $i \in [0, 2]$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},2} := \check{d}_i^{G,2} : (G \text{ Trunc})_2 &\longrightarrow (G \text{ Trunc})_1 \\ g \text{GNB}_2 &\longmapsto (g \text{GNB}_2) d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},2} := g d_i^{G,2}. \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Remark 47.

(d) Suppose given  $j \in [0, 1]$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} s_j^{G \text{ Trunc},1} := s_j^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G : (G \text{ Trunc})_1 &\longrightarrow (G \text{ Trunc})_2 \\ g &\longmapsto g s_j^{G \text{ Trunc},1} := (g s_j^{G,1}) \text{GNB}_2. \end{aligned}$$

(e) We verify condition (1) from Definition 39 for the face and degeneracy morphisms of  $G \text{ Trunc}$ .

(i) Suppose given  $0 \leq i < j \leq 2$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^G \blacktriangle d_j^{G \text{ Trunc},2} \blacktriangle d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},1} &= \rho^G \blacktriangle \check{d}_j^{G,2} \blacktriangle d_i^{G,1} \\ &= d_j^{G,2} \blacktriangle d_i^{G,1} \\ &= d_i^{G,2} \blacktriangle d_{j-1}^{G,1} \\ &= \rho^G \blacktriangle \check{d}_i^{G,2} \blacktriangle d_{j-1}^{G,1} \\ &= \rho^G \blacktriangle d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},2} \blacktriangle d_{j-1}^{G \text{ Trunc},1}. \end{aligned}$$

Because of the surjectivity of  $\rho^G$ , we get

$$d_j^{G \text{ Trunc},2} \blacktriangle d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},1} = d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},2} \blacktriangle d_{j-1}^{G \text{ Trunc},1}.$$

(ii) We have

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{G \text{ Trunc},0} \blacktriangle s_0^{G \text{ Trunc},1} &= s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangle s_0^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G \\ &= s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangle s_1^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G \\ &= s_0^{G \text{ Trunc},0} \blacktriangle s_1^{G \text{ Trunc},1}. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Suppose given  $i \in [0, 2]$  and  $j \in [0, 1]$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} s_j^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G \text{ Trunc}, 2} &= s_j^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft \rho^G \blacktriangleleft \check{d}_i^{G, 2} \\ &= s_j^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G, 2}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_2^{G \text{ Trunc}, 2} &= s_0^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_2^{G, 2} \\ &= d_1^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G, 0} \\ &= d_1^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G \text{ Trunc}, 0} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} s_1^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G \text{ Trunc}, 2} &= s_1^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_0^{G, 2} \\ &= d_0^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G, 0} \\ &= d_0^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} \blacktriangleleft s_0^{G \text{ Trunc}, 0}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $i - j \in \{0, 1\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} s_j^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G \text{ Trunc}, 2} &= s_j^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G, 2} \\ &= \text{id}_{G_1} \\ &= \text{id}_{(G \text{ Trunc})_1}. \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Suppose given  $i \in [0, 1]$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{G \text{ Trunc}, 0} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G \text{ Trunc}, 1} &= s_0^{G, 0} \blacktriangleleft d_i^{G, 1} \\ &= \text{id}_{G_0} \\ &= \text{id}_{(G \text{ Trunc})_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Condition (2) of Definition 39 holds by Remark 50.

Because of (e) we may define  $G \text{ Trunc}$  as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_2^{G, 2}} & \\ & \check{d}_2^{G, 2} & \\ & \xrightarrow{s_1^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft \rho^G} & \xrightarrow{d_1^{G, 1}} \\ & \xleftarrow{s_1^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft \rho^G} & G_1 \xleftarrow{s_0^{G, 0}} G_0 \\ G_2/GNB_2 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_1^{G, 2}} & \\ & \xleftarrow{s_0^{G, 1} \blacktriangleleft \rho^G} & \xrightarrow{d_0^{G, 1}} \\ & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_0^{G, 2}} & \end{array}$$

(2) Suppose given a morphism of simplicial groups  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} H$ .

Let  $(\varphi \text{ Trunc})_0 := \varphi_0 : (G \text{ Trunc})_0 \rightarrow (H \text{ Trunc})_0$ .

Let  $(\varphi \text{ Trunc})_1 := \varphi_1 : (G \text{ Trunc})_1 \rightarrow (H \text{ Trunc})_1$ .

Using Remark 51, we let

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi \text{ Trunc})_2 := \bar{\varphi}_2 : (G \text{ Trunc})_2 &\longrightarrow (H \text{ Trunc})_2 \\ gGNB_2 &\longmapsto (gGNB_2)\bar{\varphi}_2 = (g\varphi_2)HNB_2. \end{aligned}$$

For  $i \in [0, 2]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^G \blacktriangleleft \bar{\varphi}_2 \blacktriangleleft \check{d}_i^{H, 2} &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangleleft \rho^H \blacktriangleleft \check{d}_i^{H, 2} \\ &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangleleft d_i^{H, 2} \\ &= d_i^{G, 2} \blacktriangleleft \varphi_1 \\ &= \rho^G \blacktriangleleft \check{d}_i^{G, 2} \blacktriangleleft \varphi_1. \end{aligned}$$

Because of the surjectivity of  $\rho^G$ , we get

$$\bar{\varphi}_2 \blacktriangle \check{d}_i^{H,2} = \check{d}_i^{G,2} \blacktriangle \varphi_1.$$

Suppose given  $i \in [0, 2]$  and  $j \in [0, 1]$ .

Then we have the following.

- (a)  $(\varphi \text{ Trunc})_2 \blacktriangle d_i^{H \text{ Trunc},2} = \bar{\varphi}_2 \blacktriangle \check{d}_i^{H,2} = \check{d}_i^{G,2} \blacktriangle \varphi_1 = d_i^{G \text{ Trunc},2} \blacktriangle (\varphi \text{ Trunc})_1$
- (b)  $(\varphi \text{ Trunc})_1 \blacktriangle d_j^{H \text{ Trunc},1} = \varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_j^{H,1} = d_j^{G,1} \blacktriangle \varphi_0 = d_j^{G \text{ Trunc},1} \blacktriangle (\varphi \text{ Trunc})_0$
- (c)  $(\varphi \text{ Trunc})_1 \blacktriangle s_j^{H \text{ Trunc},1} = \varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_j^{H,1} \blacktriangle \rho^H = s_j^{G,1} \blacktriangle \varphi_2 \blacktriangle \rho^H = s_j^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_2 = s_j^{G \text{ Trunc},1} \blacktriangle (\varphi \text{ Trunc})_2$
- (d)  $(\varphi \text{ Trunc})_0 \blacktriangle s_0^{H \text{ Trunc},0} = \varphi_0 \blacktriangle s_0^{H,0} = s_0^{G,0} \blacktriangle \varphi_1 = s_0^{G \text{ Trunc},0} \blacktriangle (\varphi \text{ Trunc})_1$

So  $\varphi \text{ Trunc}$  is a morphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups; cf. Definition 40.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_2} & & & \\
 & \xleftarrow{s_1 \blacktriangle \rho} & & & \\
 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_1} & & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \\
 G_2/GBN_2 & \xleftarrow{s_0 \blacktriangle \rho} & G_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_0 \\
 \downarrow \bar{\varphi}_2 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_0} & \downarrow \varphi_1 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \downarrow \varphi_0 \\
 H_2/HBN_2 & \xleftarrow{s_1 \blacktriangle \rho} & H_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & H_0 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_1} & & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \\
 & \xleftarrow{s_0 \blacktriangle \rho} & & & \\
 & \xrightarrow{\check{d}_0} & & & 
 \end{array}$$

- (3) Suppose given a simplicial group  $G$  and morphisms of simplicial groups  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} H \xrightarrow{\varphi'} K$ .

Then we have

- (a)  $(\text{id}_G \text{ Trunc}) = \text{id}_{(G \text{ Trunc})}$
- (b)  $(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{ Trunc} = \varphi \text{ Trunc} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{ Trunc}$ .

So  $\text{Trunc} : \text{SimpGrp} \rightarrow [2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp}$  is a functor.

*Proof.*

*Ad (3.a).* For  $n \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{id}_G \text{ Trunc})_n &= (\text{id}_G)_n \\
 &= \text{id}_{G_n} \\
 &= \text{id}_{(G \text{ Trunc})_n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Remark 43.

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{id}_G \text{ Trunc})_2 &= \overline{(\text{id}_G)_2} \\
 &= \overline{\text{id}_{G_2}} \\
 &= \text{id}_{G_2/GBN_2} \\
 &= \text{id}_{(G \text{ Trunc})_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (3.b). For  $n \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Trunc})_n &= (\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')_n \\ &= \varphi_n \blacktriangle \varphi'_n \\ &= (\varphi \text{Trunc})_n \blacktriangle (\varphi' \text{Trunc})_n. \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Remark 42.

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Trunc})_2 &= \overline{(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2)} \\ &= (\bar{\varphi}_2 \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_2) \end{aligned}$$

because of

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^G \blacktriangle \overline{(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2)} &= (\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2) \blacktriangle \rho^K \\ &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangle (\varphi'_2 \blacktriangle \rho^K) \\ &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangle (\rho^H \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_2) \\ &= (\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \rho^H) \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_2 \\ &= (\rho^G \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_2) \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_2 \\ &= \rho^G \blacktriangle (\bar{\varphi}_2 \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_2) \end{aligned}$$

and the surjectivity of  $\rho^G$ . □



## 4 Decomposing a $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group via semidirect products

Suppose given a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group  $G$ .

**Definition 53** We write

$$(1) \ G_{1;X} := \bigcap_{i \in X} \ker d_i^{G_1} \trianglelefteq G_1$$

$$(2) \ G_{2;Y} := \bigcap_{i \in Y} \ker d_i^{G_2} \trianglelefteq G_2$$

for  $X \subseteq \{0, 1\}$  and  $Y \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

We usually omit the set-braces of  $X$  and  $Y$  when used as an index.

For example we write  $G_{1;1} = G_{1;\{1\}}$ ,  $G_{2;0,2} = G_{2;\{0,2\}}$ , etc.

Note that for  $X' \subseteq X \subseteq \{0, 1\}$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}$ , we have  $G_{1,X} \trianglelefteq G_{1,X'}$  and  $G_{2,Y} \trianglelefteq G_{2,Y'}$ .

**Remark 54** The condition in Definition 39.(2) reads

$$\begin{aligned} [G_{2;0}, G_{2;1,2}] &= 1 \\ [G_{2;1}, G_{2;0,2}] &= 1 \\ [G_{2;2}, G_{2;0,1}] &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 55** Let  $\varphi_0 := \text{id}_{G_0} : G_0 \rightarrow G_0$ .

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 : G_0 &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{1;1}) \\ g_0 &\longmapsto (g_0 \gamma_1 : g_1 \mapsto g_1^{g_0} := g_1^{g_0 s_0}) \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $G_0 \rtimes_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$ .

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1 : G_0 \rtimes_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} &\longrightarrow G_1 \\ (g_0, g_1) &\longmapsto g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1^- : G_1 &\longrightarrow G_0 \rtimes_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} \\ g_1 &\longmapsto (g_1 d_1, g_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1). \end{aligned}$$

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_2'' : G_{1;1} &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{2;1,2}) \\ g_1 &\longmapsto (g_1 \gamma_2'' : g_2 \mapsto g_2^{g_1} := g_2^{g_1 s_0}) \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $G_{1;1} \rtimes_{\gamma_2''} \text{Aut } G_{2;1,2}$ .

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_2 : G_0 \rtimes_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{1;1} \rtimes_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}) \\ (g_0, g_1) &\longmapsto \left( (g_0, g_1) \gamma_2 : (\tilde{g}_1, g_2) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)^{(g_0, g_1)} \\ := (\tilde{g}_1^{g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1}, \tilde{g}_1^- s_0^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_0} \\ \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1} \cdot g_2^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1}) \end{pmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $(G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2})$ .

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2 : (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}) &\longrightarrow G_2 \\ ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) &\longmapsto g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2^- : G_2 &\longrightarrow (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}) \\ g_2 &\longmapsto ((g_2 d_2 d_1, g_2^- d_2 d_1 s_0 \cdot g_2 d_2), (g_2^- d_2 \cdot g_2 d_1, g_2^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_2 d_2 s_0 \cdot g_2^- d_2 s_1 \cdot g_2)). \end{aligned}$$

We will construct the following isomorphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \xrightarrow{d_2} & & \\ & & \xleftarrow{s_1} & & \\ & & \xrightarrow{d_1} & & \xrightarrow{d_1} \\ G_2 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0} & G_0 \\ \uparrow \wr \varphi_2 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \uparrow \wr \varphi_1 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \uparrow \wr \varphi_0 \\ (G_0 \times G_{1;1}) \times (G_{1;1} \times G_{2;1,2}) & \xleftarrow{s'_1} & G_0 \times G_{1;1} & \xleftarrow{s'_0} & G_0 \\ & \xrightarrow{d'_2} & & \xrightarrow{d'_1} & \\ & \xleftarrow{s'_1} & & \xleftarrow{s'_0} & \\ & \xrightarrow{d'_1} & & \xrightarrow{d'_0} & \\ & \xleftarrow{s'_0} & & & \\ & \xrightarrow{d'_0} & & & \end{array}$$

We let

$$\begin{aligned} G'_0 &:= G_0 \\ G'_1 &:= G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} \\ G'_2 &:= (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}). \end{aligned}$$

We define the following maps.

$$\begin{aligned} d'_1 &\stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} d_1^{G',1} : G'_1 \longrightarrow G'_0 \\ (g_0, g_1) &\longmapsto g_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s'_0 &\stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} s_0^{G',0} : G'_0 \longrightarrow G'_1 \\ g_0 &\longmapsto (g_0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d'_0 &\stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} d_0^{G',1} : G'_1 \longrightarrow G'_0 \\ (g_0, g_1) &\longmapsto g_0 \cdot g_1 d_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d'_2 &\stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} d_2^{G',2} : G'_2 \longrightarrow G'_1 \\ ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) &\longmapsto (g_0, g_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s'_1 &\stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} s_1^{G',1} : G'_1 \longrightarrow G'_2 \\ (g_0, g_1) &\longmapsto ((g_0, g_1), (1, 1)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1' & \stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} d_1^{G',2} : G_2' \longrightarrow G_1' \\
 ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) & \longmapsto (g_0, g_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1) \\
 \\
 s_0' & \stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} s_0^{G',1} : G_1' \longrightarrow G_2' \\
 (g_0, g_1) & \longmapsto ((g_0, 1), (g_1, 1)) \\
 \\
 d_0' & \stackrel{\text{abbr.}}{:=} d_0^{G',2} : G_2' \longrightarrow G_1' \\
 ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) & \longmapsto (g_0 \cdot g_1 d_0, \tilde{g}_1 \cdot g_2 d_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the assertions (1, 2) hold.

(1) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1^{G',1} &= \varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_0^- \\
 s_0^{G',0} &= \varphi_0 \blacktriangle s_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_1^- \\
 d_0^{G',1} &= \varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_0^- \\
 d_2^{G',2} &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_2 \blacktriangle \varphi_1^- \\
 s_1^{G',1} &= \varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_2^- \\
 d_1^{G',2} &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_1^- \\
 s_0^{G',1} &= \varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_2^- \\
 d_0^{G',2} &= \varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_1^- .
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $d_1^{G',1}, s_0^{G',0}, d_0^{G',1}, d_2^{G',2}, s_1^{G',1}, d_1^{G',2}, s_0^{G',1}, d_0^{G',2}$  are group morphisms.

(2) We have the  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group

$$G' = (G_2', G_1', G_0', d_0^{G',2}, d_1^{G',2}, d_2^{G',2}, s_0^{G',1}, s_1^{G',1}, d_0^{G',1}, d_1^{G',1}, s_0^{G',0}).$$

Moreover,

$$\varphi = (\varphi_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_0) : G' \rightarrow G$$

is an isomorphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups.

*Proof.* We make repeated use of Lemma 21.

We have the following commutative triangle of group morphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & G_1 & \\
 s_0 \nearrow & & \searrow d_1 \\
 G_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{G_0}} & G_0
 \end{array}$$

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_1 : G_0 & \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{1;1}) \\
 g_0 & \longmapsto (g_0 \gamma_1 : g_1 \mapsto g_1^{g_0} := g_1^{g_0 s_0})
 \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $G_0 \rtimes_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$ .

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_1 : G_0 \rtimes_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} & \longrightarrow G_1 \\
 (g_0, g_1) & \longmapsto g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1,
 \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1^- : G_1 &\longrightarrow G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} \\ g_1 &\longmapsto (g_1 d_1, g_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1). \end{aligned}$$

We have the following commutative triangle of group morphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G_2 & \\ s_1 \nearrow & & \searrow d_2 \\ G_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{G_1}} & G_1 \end{array}$$

(A circular arrow indicates commutativity.)

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_2' : G_1 &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{2;2}) \\ g_1 &\longmapsto (g_1 \gamma_2' : g_2 \mapsto g_2^{g_1} := g_2^{g_1 s_1}) \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $G_1 \times_{\gamma_2'} G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2' : G_1 \times_{\gamma_2'} G_{2;2} &\longrightarrow G_2 \\ (g_1, g_2) &\longmapsto g_1 s_1 \cdot g_2, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2'^- : G_2 &\longrightarrow G_1 \times_{\gamma_2'} G_{2;2} \\ g_2 &\longmapsto (g_2 d_2, g_2^- d_2 s_1 \cdot g_2). \end{aligned}$$

We the following commutative triangle of group morphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G_{2;2} & \\ s_0 \uparrow_{G_{1;1}}^{G_{2;2}} \nearrow & & \searrow d_1 \downarrow_{G_{2;2}}^{G_{1;1}} \\ G_{1;1} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{G_{1;1}}} & G_{1;1} \end{array}$$

(A circular arrow indicates commutativity.)

We have the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_2'' : G_{1;1} &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{2;1,2}) \\ g_1 &\longmapsto (g_1 \gamma_2'' : g_2 \mapsto g_2^{g_1} := g_2^{g_1 s_0}) \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}$ .

Then we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2'' : G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2} &\longrightarrow G_{2;2} \\ (g_1, g_2) &\longmapsto g_1 s_0 \cdot g_2, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2''^- : G_{2;2} &\longrightarrow G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2} \\ g_2 &\longmapsto (g_2 d_1, g_2^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_2). \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G_{2;2})$ , we may compare

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_2''} & G_{2;2} \\ \downarrow \varphi_2'' \star \alpha \star \varphi_2''^- & & \downarrow \alpha \\ G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2} & \xleftarrow{\varphi_2''^-} & G_{2;2} \end{array}$$

So we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_1 & \xrightarrow{\gamma'_2} & \text{Aut}(G_{2;2}) \\
 \uparrow \varphi_1 & & \downarrow \check{\varphi}_2'' \\
 G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_2} & \text{Aut}(G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2})
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \alpha \\
 \downarrow \\
 \varphi_2'' \blacktriangle \alpha \blacktriangle \varphi_2''^{-}
 \end{array}$$

with the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_2 := \varphi_1 \blacktriangle \gamma'_2 \blacktriangle \check{\varphi}_2'' : G_0 \times G_{1;1} &\longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G_{1;1} \times G_{2;1,2}) \\
 (g_0, g_1) &\longmapsto \left( \begin{array}{l}
 (g_0, g_1)\gamma_2 : (\tilde{g}_1, g_2) \mapsto (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)^{(g_0, g_1)} \\
 := (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)((g_0, g_1)\gamma_2) \\
 = (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)((g_0, g_1)\varphi_1 \blacktriangle \gamma'_2 \blacktriangle \check{\varphi}_2'') \\
 = (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)(\varphi_2'' \blacktriangle (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1)\gamma'_2 \blacktriangle \varphi_2''^{-}) \\
 = (\tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2)((g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1)\gamma'_2 \blacktriangle \varphi_2''^{-}) \\
 = ((\tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2)^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1})\varphi_2''^{-} \\
 = ((\tilde{g}_1 s_0 d_1 \cdot g_2 d_1)^{g_0 s_0 s_1 d_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 d_1}), \\
 (g_2^{-} d_1 s_0 \cdot \tilde{g}_1^{-} s_0 d_1 s_0)^{g_0 s_0 s_1 d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1 s_1 d_1 s_0} \cdot (\tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2)^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1} \\
 = (\tilde{g}_1^{g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1}, \tilde{g}_1^{-} s_0^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_0} \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1} \cdot g_2^{g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1})
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

and we consider the semidirect product  $(G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2})$ .

We consider the bijective map

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'' : (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}) &\longrightarrow G_1 \times_{\gamma_2'} G_{2;2} \\
 ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) &\longmapsto ((g_0, g_1)\varphi_1, (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)\varphi_2'') = (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1, \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(g_0, g_1) \in G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$  and  $(\tilde{g}_1, g_2) \in G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((g_0, \tilde{g}_1) \cdot (g_1, g_2))(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'') &= (g_0 \cdot g_1, (\tilde{g}_1)(g_1\gamma_2) \cdot g_2)(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'') \\
 &= ((g_0 \cdot g_1)\varphi_1, ((\tilde{g}_1)(g_1\gamma_2) \cdot g_2)\varphi_2'') \\
 &= (g_0\varphi_1 \cdot g_1\varphi_1, (\tilde{g}_1)(g_1\gamma_2)\varphi_2'' \cdot g_2\varphi_2'')
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_0, \tilde{g}_1)(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'') \cdot (g_1, g_2)(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'') &= (g_0\varphi_1, \tilde{g}_1\varphi_2'') \cdot (g_1\varphi_1, g_2\varphi_2'') \\
 &= (g_0\varphi_1 \cdot g_1\varphi_1, (\tilde{g}_1\varphi_2'')(g_1\varphi_1\gamma_2') \cdot g_2\varphi_2'').
 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(\tilde{g}_1)(g_1\gamma_2)\varphi_2'' = (\tilde{g}_1\varphi_2'')(g_1\varphi_1\gamma_2'),$$

because

$$(g_1\gamma_2) \blacktriangle \varphi_2'' = \varphi_2'' \blacktriangle (g_1\varphi_1\gamma_2'),$$

since this means

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_1\gamma_2 &= \varphi_2'' \blacktriangle g_1\varphi_1\gamma_2' \blacktriangle \varphi_2''^{-} \\
 &= g_1\varphi_1\gamma_2'\check{\varphi}_2''
 \end{aligned}$$

and this is how we defined  $\gamma_2 = \varphi_1 \blacktriangle \gamma_2' \blacktriangle \check{\varphi}_2''$ .

So  $\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2''$  is a group morphism.

Moreover  $\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2''$  is a group isomorphism, since  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2''$  are bijective.

So we have the group isomorphism

$$\varphi_2 := (\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'') \blacktriangle \varphi_2',$$

with inverse

$$\varphi_2^- = \varphi_2'^- \blacktriangle (\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'')^-.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}) &\xrightarrow{\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2''} G_1 \times_{\gamma_2'} G_{2;2} \xrightarrow{\varphi_2'} G_2 \\ ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) &\longmapsto (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1, \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2) \longmapsto \left( \begin{array}{l} g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2 \\ = ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2)) \varphi_2 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_2 &\xrightarrow{\varphi_2'^-} G_1 \times_{\gamma_2'} G_{2;2} \xrightarrow{(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2'')^-} (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma_2''} G_{2;1,2}) \\ g_2 &\longmapsto (g_2 d_2, g_2^- d_2 s_1 \cdot g_2) \longmapsto \left( \begin{array}{l} ((g_2 d_2 d_1, g_2^- d_2 d_1 s_0 \cdot g_2 d_2), \\ (g_2^- d_2 \cdot g_2 d_1, g_2^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_2 d_2 s_0 \cdot g_2^- d_2 s_1 \cdot g_2)) \\ = g_2 \varphi_2^- \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (1).* We have to show for  $i \in [0, 2]$  and  $j \in [0, 1]$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_i &\stackrel{!}{=} d_i' \blacktriangle \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_j &\stackrel{!}{=} d_j' \blacktriangle \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_j &\stackrel{!}{=} s_j' \blacktriangle \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_0 \blacktriangle s_0 &\stackrel{!}{=} s_0' \blacktriangle \varphi_1. \end{aligned}$$

For  $(g_0, g_1) \in G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(\varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_1) &= (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1) d_1 \\ &= g_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(d_1' \blacktriangle \varphi_0) &= (g_0) \varphi_0 \\ &= g_0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_1 = d_1' \blacktriangle \varphi_0.$$

For  $g_0 \in G_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0)(\varphi_0 \blacktriangle s_0) &= (g_0) s_0 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0)(s_0' \blacktriangle \varphi_1) &= (g_0, 1) \varphi_1 \\ &= g_0 s_0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_0 \blacktriangle s_0 = s_0' \blacktriangle \varphi_1.$$

For  $(g_0, g_1) \in G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(\varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_0) &= (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1) d_0 \\ &= g_0 \cdot g_1 d_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(d_0' \blacktriangle \varphi_0) &= (g_0 \cdot g_1 d_0) \varphi_0 \\ &= g_0 \cdot g_1 d_0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_0 = d'_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_0.$$

For  $(g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2) \in (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma'_2} G_{2;1,2})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2))(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_2) &= (g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2) d_2 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2))(d'_2 \blacktriangle \varphi_1) &= (g_0, g_1)\varphi_1 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_2 = d'_2 \blacktriangle \varphi_1.$$

For  $(g_0, g_1) \in G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(\varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_1) &= (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1) s_1 \\ &= g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(s'_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_2) &= ((g_0, g_1), (1, 1))\varphi_2 \\ &= g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_1 = s'_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_2.$$

For  $(g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2) \in (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma'_2} G_{2;1,2})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2))(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_1) &= (g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2) d_1 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2))(d'_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_1) &= (g_0, g_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1)\varphi_1 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_1 = d'_1 \blacktriangle \varphi_1.$$

For  $(g_0, g_1) \in G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(\varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_0) &= (g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1) s_0 \\ &= g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (g_0, g_1)(s'_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_2) &= ((g_0, 1), (g_1, 1))\varphi_2 \\ &= g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_1 \blacktriangle s_0 = s'_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_2.$$

For  $(g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2) \in (G_0 \times_{\gamma_1} G_{1;1}) \times_{\gamma_2} (G_{1;1} \times_{\gamma'_2} G_{2;1,2})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2))(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_0) &= (g_0 s_0 s_1 \cdot g_1 s_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 s_0 \cdot g_2) d_0 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1 d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 \cdot g_2 d_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ((g_0, g_1), (\tilde{g}_1, g_2))(d'_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_1) &= (g_0 \cdot g_1 d_0, \tilde{g}_1 \cdot g_2 d_0)\varphi_1 \\ &= g_0 s_0 \cdot g_1 d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{g}_1 \cdot g_2 d_0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_0 = d'_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_1.$$

Ad (2). We have

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{G',0} \blacktriangle d_0^{G',0} &\stackrel{(1)}{=} (\varphi_0 \blacktriangle s_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_1^-) \blacktriangle (\varphi_1 \blacktriangle d_0 \blacktriangle \varphi_0^-) \\ &= \varphi_0 \blacktriangle \text{id}_{G_0} \blacktriangle \varphi_0^- \\ &= \text{id}_{G'_0}. \end{aligned}$$

And so on.

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ker d_i^{G',2} &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \ker(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_i^{G,2} \blacktriangle \varphi_1^-) \\ &= \ker(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle d_i^{G,2}) \\ &= (\ker d_i^{G,2})\varphi_2^- \end{aligned}$$

for  $i \in [0, 2]$ .

So

$$\begin{aligned} [\ker d_0^{G',2}, \ker d_1^{G',2} \cap \ker d_2^{G',2}] &= [(\ker d_0^{G,2})\varphi_2^-, (\ker d_1^{G,2})\varphi_2^- \cap (\ker d_2^{G,2})\varphi_2^-] \\ &\stackrel{\varphi_2 \text{ isom.}}{=} ([\ker d_0^{G,2}, \ker d_1^{G,2} \cap \ker d_2^{G,2}])\varphi_2^- \\ &= 1\varphi_2^- \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

And so on.

Finally, by (1),  $\varphi = (\varphi_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_0) : G' \rightarrow G$  is an isomorphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups.  $\square$

**Remark 56** We abbreviate  $N_k := GN_k$ .

Observing

$$\begin{aligned} N_0 &= G_0 \\ N_1 &= G_{1;1} \\ N_2 &= G_{2;1,2}, \end{aligned}$$

we may write

$$\begin{aligned} G'_0 &= N_0 \\ G'_1 &= N_0 \times_{\gamma_1} N_1 \\ G'_2 &= (N_0 \times_{\gamma_1} N_1) \times_{\gamma_2} (N_1 \times_{\gamma_2''} N_2). \end{aligned}$$



## 5 $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups and crossed squares

### 5.1 Crossed squares

The following notion of a crossed square is due to LODAY [3, Def. 5.1], adapted to our context.

**Definition 57** Suppose given groups  $L, M, M', P$  and group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & M' \\ \lambda \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu' \\ M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & P. \end{array}$$

Suppose given group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{llll} M & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M,L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : m \mapsto (l \mapsto (l)(m\gamma_{M,L}) =: l^m) \\ M' & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M',L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : m' \mapsto (l \mapsto (l)(m'\gamma_{M',L}) =: l^{m'}) \\ P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : p \mapsto (l \mapsto (l)(p\gamma_{P,L}) =: l^p) \\ P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M}} & \text{Aut}(M) & : p \mapsto (m \mapsto (m)(p\gamma_{P,M}) =: m^p) \\ P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M'}} & \text{Aut}(M') & : p \mapsto (m' \mapsto (m')(p\gamma_{P,M'}) =: m'^p) \end{array}$$

and the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times M' & \xrightarrow{\chi} & L \\ (m, m') & \mapsto & (m, m')\chi =: [m, m']. \end{array}$$

Suppose that the following properties (CS 1, 2, 3, 4) hold.

(CS 1) We have  $\lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu'$ .

We write  $\kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : L \rightarrow P$ .

(CS 2) We have the following crossed modules.

- (1)  $(L, M, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda)$
- (2)  $(L, M', \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda')$
- (3)  $(L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$
- (4)  $(M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$
- (5)  $(M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$

(CS 3) We have the following morphisms of crossed modules.

- (1)  $(\text{id}_L, \mu) : (L, M, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda) \rightarrow (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$
- (2)  $(\text{id}_L, \mu') : (L, M', \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda') \rightarrow (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$
- (3)  $(\lambda, \text{id}_P) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$
- (4)  $(\lambda', \text{id}_P) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$

(CS 4)

- (1)  $m \cdot [m, m']\lambda = m^{m'\mu'}$  for  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$
- (2)  $m^{m\mu} \cdot [m, m']\lambda' = m'$  for  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$
- (3)  $l \cdot [l\lambda, m'] = l^{m'}$  for  $l \in L$  and  $m' \in M'$
- (4)  $l^m \cdot [m, l\lambda'] = l$  for  $m \in M$  and  $l \in L$
- (5)  $[m \cdot m^*, m'] = [m, m']^{m^*} \cdot [m^*, m']$  for  $m, m^* \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$
- (6)  $[m, m' \cdot m^{*'}] = [m, m^{*'}] \cdot [m, m']^{m^{*'}}$  for  $m \in M$  and  $m', m^{*' \in M'$
- (7)  $[m, m']^p = [m^p, m'^p]$  for  $m \in M, m' \in M'$  and  $p \in P$
- (8)  $((l^{m'})^m)[m, m'] = (l^m)^{m'}$  for  $m \in M, m' \in M'$  and  $l \in L$

Then

$$C := (L, M, M', P, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi)$$

is called a *crossed square*.

*Notation.* We write

$$\begin{aligned} C_{1;1} &:= L \\ C_{1;0} &:= M \\ C_{0;1} &:= M' \\ C_{0;0} &:= P \\ \gamma_{1,0}^C &:= \gamma_{M,L} \\ \gamma_{0,1}^C &:= \gamma_{M',L} \\ \gamma_C^{1,1} &:= \gamma_{P,L} \\ \gamma_C^{1,0} &:= \gamma_{P,M} \\ \gamma_C^{0,1} &:= \gamma_{P,M'} \\ \lambda_C^{1,0} &:= \lambda \\ \lambda_C^{0,1} &:= \lambda' \\ \mu_{1,0}^C &:= \mu \\ \mu_{0,1}^C &:= \mu' \\ \chi_C &:= \chi \\ \kappa_C &:= \kappa. \end{aligned}$$

*Notation.* We often write just  $C = (L, M, M', P)$  to denote this crossed square.

**Remark 58** So  $(m, m')\chi = [m, m']$  for  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

This notation is supposed to remind of a commutator bracket.

**Definition 59** Suppose given crossed squares

$$(L, M, M', P, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi)$$

and

$$(\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{M},\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\lambda}', \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mu}', \tilde{\chi}).$$

We write  $\kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : L \rightarrow P$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} := \tilde{\lambda} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu} = \tilde{\lambda}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}' : \tilde{L} \rightarrow \tilde{P}$ .

Suppose given group morphisms  $\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}$  fitting into the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & L & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & M' \\
 & \swarrow \lambda & \downarrow & & \swarrow \mu' \\
 M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & P & & \\
 \downarrow \mathfrak{m} & & \downarrow \mathfrak{l} & & \downarrow \mathfrak{m}' \\
 & & \tilde{L} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\lambda}'} & \tilde{M}' \\
 & \swarrow \tilde{\lambda} & \downarrow \mathfrak{p} & & \swarrow \tilde{\mu}' \\
 \tilde{M} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}} & \tilde{P} & & 
 \end{array}$$

Suppose that the following properties (1, 2) hold.

(1) We have the following morphisms of crossed modules.

- (a)  $(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}) : (L, M, \gamma_{L,M}, \lambda) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \gamma_{\tilde{L},\tilde{M}}, \tilde{\lambda})$
- (b)  $(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}') : (L, M', \gamma_{L,M'}, \lambda') \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}', \gamma_{\tilde{L},\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}')$
- (c)  $(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{p}) : (M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu) \rightarrow (\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$
- (d)  $(\mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}) : (M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu') \rightarrow (\tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\mu}')$
- (e)  $(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{p}) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{L}}, \tilde{\kappa})$

(2) We have

$$[\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}'\mathfrak{m}'] = [\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}']\mathfrak{l}$$

for  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we call

$$\mathfrak{c} := (\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}) : (L, M, M', P) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P})$$

a *morphism of crossed squares*.

*Notation.* We write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{c}_{1,1} &:= \mathfrak{l} \\
 \mathfrak{c}_{1,0} &:= \mathfrak{m} \\
 \mathfrak{c}_{0,1} &:= \mathfrak{m}' \\
 \mathfrak{c}_{0,0} &:= \mathfrak{p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 60** Suppose given morphisms of crossed squares

$$(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}) : (L, M, M', P) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P})$$

and

$$(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{m}'}, \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) : (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P}) \rightarrow (\tilde{\tilde{L}}, \tilde{\tilde{M}}, \tilde{\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\tilde{P}}).$$

Then the composite

$$(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}) \blacktriangle (\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{m}'}, \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) := (\mathfrak{l} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \mathfrak{m} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}, \mathfrak{m}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}'}, \mathfrak{p} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) : (L, M, M', P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\tilde{L}}, \tilde{\tilde{M}}, \tilde{\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\tilde{P}})$$

is also a morphism of crossed squares.

*Proof.* We have to show properties (1, 2) from Definition 59.

*Ad (1).* The following morphisms are morphisms of crossed squares as composites of crossed modules morphisms; cf. Remark 27.

- (a)  $(\mathfrak{l} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \mathfrak{m} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}) : (L, M) \rightarrow (\tilde{\tilde{L}}, \tilde{\tilde{M}})$

- (b)  $(\mathfrak{l} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \mathfrak{m}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}') : (L, M') \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}')$   
 (c)  $(\mathfrak{m} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}, \mathfrak{p} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) : (M, P) \rightarrow (\tilde{M}, \tilde{P})$   
 (d)  $(\mathfrak{m}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}', \mathfrak{p} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) : (M', P) \rightarrow (\tilde{M}', \tilde{P})$   
 (e)  $(\mathfrak{l} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \mathfrak{p} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}) : (L, P) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P})$

*Ad (2).* Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{m}(\mathfrak{m} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}), \mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}')] &= [(\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{m})\tilde{\mathfrak{m}}, (\mathfrak{m}'\mathfrak{m}')\tilde{\mathfrak{m}}'] \\ &= [\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}'\mathfrak{m}']\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &= ([\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}']\mathfrak{l})\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &= [\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}'](\mathfrak{l} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 61** Suppose given a crossed square  $(L, M, M', P)$ .

Then its identity, given by

$$\text{id}_{(L, M, M', P)} := (\text{id}_L, \text{id}_M, \text{id}_{M'}, \text{id}_P) : (L, M, M', P) \rightarrow (L, M, M', P),$$

is a morphism of crossed squares.

**Definition 62** We have the *category of crossed squares*, written  $CrSq$ .

It has crossed squares as objects and morphisms of crossed squares as morphisms; cf. Definition 57 and Definition 59.

Composition of morphisms is described in Remark 60.

The identity on an object is described in Remark 61.

**Remark 63** Suppose given a morphism of crossed squares

$$\mathfrak{c} = (\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}) : (L, M, M', P) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P}),$$

such that  $\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p}$  are isomorphisms of groups.

Then  $\mathfrak{c}$  is an isomorphism in  $CrSq$  with inverse

$$\mathfrak{c}^- = (\mathfrak{l}^-, \mathfrak{m}^-, \mathfrak{m}'^-, \mathfrak{p}^-) : (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P}) \rightarrow (L, M, M', P).$$

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $(\mathfrak{l}^-, \mathfrak{m}^-, \mathfrak{m}'^-, \mathfrak{p}^-)$  is a morphism of crossed squares.

We shall verify conditions (1, 2) of Definition 59.

*Ad (1).* By Remark 30,  $(\mathfrak{l}^-, \mathfrak{m}^-)$ ,  $(\mathfrak{l}^-, \mathfrak{m}'^-)$ ,  $(\mathfrak{m}^-, \mathfrak{p}^-)$ ,  $(\mathfrak{m}'^-, \mathfrak{p}^-)$ ,  $(\mathfrak{l}^-, \mathfrak{p}^-)$  are morphisms of crossed modules.

*Ad (2).* Suppose given  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\tilde{m}\mathfrak{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathfrak{m}'^-] &= [\tilde{m}\mathfrak{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathfrak{m}'^-]\mathfrak{l}^- \\ &= [\tilde{m}\mathfrak{m}^-\mathfrak{m}, \tilde{m}'\mathfrak{m}'^-\mathfrak{m}']\mathfrak{l}^- \\ &= [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']\mathfrak{l}^-. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 64** Suppose given a group  $P$  and normal subgroups  $M, M' \trianglelefteq P$ .

Let  $L := M \cap M' \trianglelefteq P$ .

The inclusion morphisms yield the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L & \xleftarrow{\lambda'} & M' \\
 \lambda \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \mu' \\
 M & \xleftarrow{\mu} & P.
 \end{array}$$

Conjugation in  $P$  gives

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 M & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M,L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : m \mapsto (l \mapsto l^m) \\
 M' & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M',L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : m' \mapsto (l \mapsto l^{m'}) \\
 P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : p \mapsto (l \mapsto l^p) \\
 P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M}} & \text{Aut}(M) & : p \mapsto (m \mapsto m^p) \\
 P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M'}} & \text{Aut}(M') & : p \mapsto (m' \mapsto m'^p).
 \end{array}$$

The commutator bracket in  $P$  gives

$$\begin{array}{l}
 M \times M' \xrightarrow{\chi} L \\
 (m, m') \mapsto \left( \begin{array}{l} [m, m'] := [m, m'] \\ = m^{-1} m'^{-1} m m' \\ = m^{-1} \cdot m^{m'} \\ = (m^{m'})^{-1} \cdot m' \end{array} \right).
 \end{array}$$

Then

$$(L, M, M', P, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi)$$

is a crossed square.

*Proof.*

*Ad* (CS 1). We have the inclusion morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : L & \rightarrow & P \\
 & & l \mapsto l.
 \end{array}$$

*Ad* (CS 2.1). The quadruple  $(L, M, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda)$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 24.

*Ad* (CS 2.2). The quadruple  $(L, M', \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda')$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 24.

*Ad* (CS 2.3). The quadruple  $(L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 24.

*Ad* (CS 2.4). The quadruple  $(M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 24.

*Ad* (CS 2.5). The quadruple  $(M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 24.

*Ad* (CS 3.1). Since  $\lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \kappa = \text{id}_L \blacktriangle \kappa$ , we have the morphism

$$(\text{id}_L, \mu) : (L, M, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda) \rightarrow (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 31.

*Ad* (CS 3.2). Since  $\lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' = \kappa = \text{id}_L \blacktriangle \kappa$ , we have the morphism

$$(\text{id}_L, \mu') : (L, M', \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda') \rightarrow (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 31.

*Ad* (CS 3.3). Since  $\kappa \blacktriangle \text{id}_P = \kappa = \lambda \blacktriangle \mu$ , we have the morphism

$$(\lambda, \text{id}_P) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 31.

*Ad* (CS 3.4). Since  $\kappa \blacktriangle \text{id}_P = \kappa = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu'$ , we have the morphism

$$(\lambda', \text{id}_P) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 31.

*Ad* (CS 4.1). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot [m, m']\lambda &= m \cdot [m, m'] \\ &= m \cdot m^- m'^- mm' \\ &= m^{m'} \\ &= m^{m'\mu'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.2). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} m'^{m\mu} \cdot [m, m']\lambda' &= m'^{m\mu} \cdot [m, m'] \\ &= m^- m' m \cdot m^- m'^- mm' \\ &= m'. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.3). Suppose given  $l \in L$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} l \cdot [l\lambda, m'] &= l \cdot [l, m'] \\ &= l \cdot l^- m'^- lm' \\ &= l^{m'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.4). Suppose given  $l \in L$  and  $m \in M$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} l^m \cdot [m, l\lambda'] &= l^m \cdot [m, l] \\ &= m^- lm \cdot m^- l^- ml \\ &= l. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.5). Suppose given  $m, m^* \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [m, m']^{m^*} \cdot [m^*, m'] &= m^{*-} m^- m'^- mm' m^* m^{*-} m'^- m^* m' \\ &= m^{*-} m^- m'^- mm^* m' \\ &= [m \cdot m^*, m']. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.6). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m^*, m'^* \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [m, m'^*] \cdot [m, m']^{m'^*} &= m^- m^{*'} m'^* m'^*- m^- m'^*- mm' m'^* \\ &= m^- m^{*'} m'^*- mm' m'^* \\ &= [m, m' \cdot m'^*]. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.7). Suppose given  $m \in M$ ,  $m' \in M'$  and  $p \in P$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [m, m']^p &= (m^- m'^- mm')^p \\ &= (m^p)^- (m'^p)^- m^p m'^p \\ &= [m^p, m'^p]. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.8). Suppose given  $m \in M$ ,  $m' \in M'$  and  $l \in L$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((l^{m'})^m)^{[m, m']} &= l^{m' \cdot m \cdot [m, m']} \\ &= l^{m' \cdot m \cdot m^{-1} m'^{-1} m m'} \\ &= (l^m)^{m'}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 65** Suppose given abelian groups  $L, M, M', P$  and commutative quadrangle of group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & M' \\ \lambda \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \mu' \\ M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & P. \end{array}$$

We have the group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{llll} M & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M,L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : m \mapsto (l \mapsto l^m := l) \\ M' & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M',L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : m' \mapsto (l \mapsto l^{m'} := l) \\ P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,L}} & \text{Aut}(L) & : p \mapsto (l \mapsto l^p := l) \\ P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M}} & \text{Aut}(M) & : p \mapsto (m \mapsto m^p := m) \\ P & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M'}} & \text{Aut}(M') & : p \mapsto (m' \mapsto m'^p := m') \end{array}$$

and the map

$$\begin{array}{ll} M \times M' & \xrightarrow{\chi} L \\ (m, m') & \mapsto [m, m'] := 1. \end{array}$$

Then

$$(L, M, M', P, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi)$$

is a crossed square.

*Proof.*

*Ad* (CS 1). The quadrangle above is supposed to be commutative.

So

$$\lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu'.$$

We write

$$\begin{array}{ll} \kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : L & \rightarrow P \\ l \mapsto l\kappa = l\lambda\mu = l\lambda'\mu'. \end{array}$$

*Ad* (CS 2.1). The quadruple  $(L, M, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda)$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 25.

*Ad* (CS 2.2). The quadruple  $(L, M', \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda')$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 25.

*Ad* (CS 2.3). The quadruple  $(L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 25.

*Ad* (CS 2.4). The quadruple  $(M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 25.

*Ad* (CS 2.5). The quadruple  $(M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$  is a crossed module; cf. Example 25.

*Ad* (CS 3.1). Since  $\lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \kappa = \text{id}_L \blacktriangle \kappa$ , we have the morphism

$$(\text{id}_L, \mu) : (L, M, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda) \rightarrow (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 32.

*Ad* (CS 3.2). Since  $\lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' = \kappa = \text{id}_L \blacktriangle \kappa$ , we have the morphism

$$(\text{id}_L, \mu') : (L, M', \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda') \rightarrow (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 32.

*Ad* (CS 3.3). Since  $\kappa \blacktriangle \text{id}_P = \kappa = \lambda \blacktriangle \mu$ , we have the morphism

$$(\lambda, \text{id}_P) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (M, P, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 32.

*Ad* (CS 3.4). Since  $\kappa \blacktriangle \text{id}_P = \kappa = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu'$ , we have the morphism

$$(\lambda', \text{id}_P) : (L, P, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (M', P, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$$

of crossed modules; cf. Example 32.

*Ad* (CS 4.1). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot [m, m']\lambda &= m \\ &= m^{m'\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.2). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} m'^{m\mu} \cdot [m, m']\lambda' &= m'^{m\mu} \\ &= m'. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.3). Suppose given  $l \in L$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} l \cdot [l\lambda, m'] &= l \\ &= l^{m'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.4). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $l \in L$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} l^m \cdot [m, l\lambda'] &= l^m \\ &= l. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.5, 4.6, 4.7). The required equations amount to the equation  $1 = 1$ .

*Ad* (CS 4.8). Suppose given  $m \in M$ ,  $m' \in M'$  and  $l \in L$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((l^{m'})^m)[m, m'] &= (l^{m'})^m \\ &= l \\ &= (l^m)^{m'}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 66** Suppose given an abelian group  $A$  with  $A \neq 1$ .

We have the commutative quadrangle of group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\lambda'=\text{id}_A} & A \\ \lambda=\text{id}_A \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \mu' \\ A & \xrightarrow{\mu} & 1. \end{array}$$

As a particular case of the construction in Example 65, we have the crossed square

$$(A, A, A, 1),$$

for which neither  $\mu$  nor  $\mu'$  is injective.



**Remark 67** Suppose given a crossed square

$$C = (L, M, M', P, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi).$$

Suppose given group isomorphisms  $L \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{l}} \tilde{L}$ ,  $M \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{m}} \tilde{M}$ ,  $M' \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{m}'} \tilde{M}'$  and  $P \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{p}} \tilde{P}$ .

Let  $\tilde{\lambda} := \mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda \blacktriangle \mathfrak{m} : \tilde{L} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$ .

Let  $\tilde{\lambda}' := \mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda' \blacktriangle \mathfrak{m}' : \tilde{L} \rightarrow \tilde{M}'$ .

Let  $\tilde{\mu} := \mathfrak{m}^- \blacktriangle \mu \blacktriangle \mathfrak{p} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{P}$ .

Let  $\tilde{\mu}' := \mathfrak{m}'^- \blacktriangle \mu' \blacktriangle \mathfrak{p} : \tilde{M}' \rightarrow \tilde{P}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & L & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & M' \\
 & \swarrow \lambda & \downarrow & & \swarrow \mu' \\
 M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & P & & \\
 \downarrow \mathfrak{m} \wr & & \downarrow \mathfrak{l} \wr & & \downarrow \mathfrak{m}' \\
 & & \tilde{L} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\lambda}'} & \tilde{M}' \\
 & \swarrow \tilde{\lambda} & \downarrow & & \swarrow \tilde{\mu}' \\
 \tilde{M} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}} & \tilde{P} & & 
 \end{array}$$

Recall from Remark 18 that a group isomorphism  $\mathfrak{q} : G \xrightarrow{\sim} H$  yields the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathfrak{q}} : \text{Aut}(G) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Aut}(H) \\
 \alpha &\mapsto \mathfrak{q}^- \blacktriangle \alpha \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}} := \mathfrak{m}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M,L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{l}} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\tilde{L})$ .

Let  $\gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}} := \mathfrak{m}'^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M',L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{l}} : \tilde{M}' \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\tilde{L})$ .

Let  $\gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}} := \mathfrak{p}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{l}} : \tilde{P} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\tilde{L})$ .

Let  $\gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}} := \mathfrak{p}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,M} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{m}} : \tilde{P} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\tilde{M})$ .

Let  $\gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}'} := \mathfrak{p}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,M'} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{m}'} : \tilde{P} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\tilde{M}')$ .

Let  $\tilde{\chi} := (\mathfrak{m}^- \times \mathfrak{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l} : \tilde{M} \times \tilde{M}' \rightarrow \tilde{L}$ .

(1) Then

$$\tilde{C} := (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\lambda}', \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mu}', \tilde{\chi})$$

is a crossed square.

(2) Moreover,  $(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{p})$  is an isomorphism of crossed squares from  $C$  to  $\tilde{C}$ .

*Proof.* We write  $\kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : L \rightarrow P$ .

*Ad (1).* We have to show that  $\tilde{C}$  is a crossed square; cf. Definition 57.

*Ad (CS 1).* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\lambda} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu} &= (\mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda \blacktriangle \mathfrak{m}) \blacktriangle (\mathfrak{m}^- \blacktriangle \mu \blacktriangle \mathfrak{p}) \\
 &= \mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda \blacktriangle \mu \blacktriangle \mathfrak{p} \\
 &= \mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' \blacktriangle \mathfrak{p} \\
 &= (\mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda' \blacktriangle \mathfrak{m}') \blacktriangle (\mathfrak{m}'^- \blacktriangle \mu' \blacktriangle \mathfrak{p}) \\
 &= \tilde{\lambda}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}'.
 \end{aligned}$$

We write  $\tilde{\kappa} := \tilde{\lambda} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu} = \tilde{\lambda}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}' : \tilde{L} \rightarrow \tilde{P}$ .

Note that we have obtained  $\tilde{\kappa} = \Gamma^{-} \blacktriangle \kappa \blacktriangle \mathbf{p}$ .

*Ad* (CS 2). By Remark 33.(1), we have the following crossed modules.

- (1)  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\lambda})$
- (2)  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}', \gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\lambda}')$
- (3)  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}}, \tilde{\kappa})$
- (4)  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$
- (5)  $(\tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\mu}')$

*Ad* (CS 3). By Remark 33.(2), we obtain the following morphisms of crossed modules.

- $$(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}) : (L, M, \gamma_{M, L}, \lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\lambda})$$
- $$(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}') : (L, M', \gamma_{M', L}, \lambda') \xrightarrow{\sim} (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}', \gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\lambda}')$$
- $$(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p}) : (L, P, \gamma_{M, P}, \kappa) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}}, \tilde{\kappa})$$
- $$(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}) : (M, P, \gamma_{P, M}, \mu) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$$
- $$(\mathbf{m}', \mathbf{p}) : (M', P, \gamma_{P, M'}, \mu') \xrightarrow{\sim} (\tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\mu}')$$

Thus we have the following morphisms of crossed modules as composites of crossed module morphisms.

- (1)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m})^{-} \blacktriangle (\text{id}_L, \mu) \blacktriangle (\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p}) = (\text{id}_{\tilde{L}}, \tilde{\mu}) : (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\lambda}) \longrightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\kappa})$
- (2)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}')^{-} \blacktriangle (\text{id}_L, \mu') \blacktriangle (\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p}) = (\text{id}_{\tilde{L}}, \tilde{\mu}') : (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}', \gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\lambda}') \longrightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\kappa})$
- (3)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p})^{-} \blacktriangle (\lambda, \text{id}_P) \blacktriangle (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}) = (\tilde{\lambda}, \text{id}_{\tilde{P}}) : (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\kappa}) \longrightarrow (\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$
- (4)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p})^{-} \blacktriangle (\lambda', \text{id}_P) \blacktriangle (\mathbf{m}', \mathbf{p}) = (\tilde{\lambda}', \text{id}_{\tilde{P}}) : (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\kappa}) \longrightarrow (\tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\mu}')$

*Ad* (CS 4). We write  $[m, m'] = (m, m')\chi$  for  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ .

We write  $[\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}'] = (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}$  for  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

*Ad* (CS 4.1). Suppose given  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

We write  $m := \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-} \in M$  and  $m' := \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^{-} \in M'$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{m} \cdot [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']\tilde{\lambda} &= \tilde{m} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\lambda} \\
 &= \tilde{m} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^{-} \times \mathbf{m}'^{-}) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \Gamma)(\Gamma^{-} \blacktriangle \lambda \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}) \\
 &= \tilde{m} \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-}, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^{-})\chi\lambda\mathbf{m} \\
 &= \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-}\mathbf{m} \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-}, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^{-})\chi\lambda\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-} \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-}, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^{-})\chi\lambda)\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (m \cdot (m, m')\chi\lambda)\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (m \cdot [m, m']\lambda)\mathbf{m} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{(CS 4.1)}}{=} (m^{m'}\mu')\mathbf{m} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} (m)((m'\mu')\gamma_{P, M})\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-})(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^{-}\mu'\gamma_{P, M})\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-})(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^{-}\mu'\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^{-}\gamma_{P, M})\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-})(\tilde{m}'\tilde{\mu}'\mathbf{p}^{-}\gamma_{P, M})\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^{-})(\tilde{m}'\tilde{\mu}'\mathbf{p}^{-}\gamma_{P, M}\hat{\mathbf{m}}\hat{\mathbf{m}}^{-})\mathbf{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-)(\tilde{m}'\tilde{\mu}'\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}\hat{\mathbf{m}}^-)\mathbf{m} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-)(\mathbf{m} \blacktriangle (\tilde{m}'\tilde{\mu}'\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}) \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}^-)\mathbf{m} \\
 &= (\tilde{m})(\tilde{m}'\tilde{\mu}'\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m})^{\tilde{m}'\tilde{\mu}'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.2). Suppose given  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

We write  $m := \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \in M$  and  $m' := \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \in M'$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\tilde{m}'\tilde{m}\tilde{\mu} \cdot [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']\tilde{\lambda}' \\
 &= \tilde{m}'\tilde{m}\tilde{\mu} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\lambda}' \\
 &= (\tilde{m}')(\tilde{m}\tilde{\mu}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'}) \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\lambda}' \\
 &= (\tilde{m}')(\tilde{m}(\mathbf{m}^- \blacktriangle \mu \blacktriangle \mathbf{p})(\mathbf{p}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,M'} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{m}}')) \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l})(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda' \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}') \\
 &= (\tilde{m}')(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \mu \gamma_{P,M'} \hat{\mathbf{m}}') \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi\lambda'\mathbf{m}' \\
 &= (\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-\mathbf{m}')(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \mu \gamma_{P,M'} \hat{\mathbf{m}}') \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi\lambda'\mathbf{m}' \\
 &= (\mathbf{m}'\mathbf{m}')(\mathbf{m}\mu\gamma_{P,M'}\hat{\mathbf{m}}') \cdot (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}')\chi\lambda'\mathbf{m}' \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\mathbf{m}'\mathbf{m}')(\mathbf{m}'^- \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}\mu\gamma_{P,M'} \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}') \cdot (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}')\chi\lambda'\mathbf{m}' \\
 &= ((\mathbf{m}')(\mathbf{m}\mu\gamma_{P,M'}) \cdot (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}')\chi\lambda')\mathbf{m}' \\
 &= (\mathbf{m}'^{\mathbf{m}\mu} \cdot [\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}']\lambda')\mathbf{m}' \\
 &\stackrel{\text{(CS 4.2)}}{=} \mathbf{m}'\mathbf{m}' \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} \tilde{m}'.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.3). Suppose given  $\tilde{l} \in \tilde{L}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

We write  $l := \tilde{l}^- \in L$  and  $m' := \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \in M'$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{l} \cdot [\tilde{l}\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{m}'] &= \tilde{l} \cdot (\tilde{l}\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= \tilde{l} \cdot (\tilde{l}(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}), \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= \tilde{l} \cdot (\tilde{l}^- \lambda \mathbf{m} \mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi\mathbf{l} \\
 &= \tilde{l} \cdot (\tilde{l}^- \lambda, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi\mathbf{l} \\
 &= \tilde{l}^- \mathbf{l} \cdot (\tilde{l}^- \lambda, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}^- \cdot (\tilde{l}^- \lambda, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi)\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (l \cdot (l\lambda, m')\chi)\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (l \cdot [l\lambda, m'])\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{(CS 4.3)}}{=} (l^{m'})\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} ((l)(m'\gamma_{M',L}))\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}^-)(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M',L})\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}^-)(\tilde{m}'(\mathbf{m}'^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M',L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{l}}^-)\mathbf{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{l}^-)(\tilde{m}'\gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}\hat{\mathbf{l}}^-)\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{l}^-)(\mathbf{l} \blacktriangle \tilde{m}'\gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}^-)\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{l})(\tilde{m}'\gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}) \\
 &= \tilde{l}\tilde{m}'.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.4). Suppose given  $\tilde{l} \in \tilde{L}$  and  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$ .

We write  $l := \tilde{l}^- \in L$  and  $m := \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \in M$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{l}^{\tilde{m}} \cdot [\tilde{m}, \tilde{l}\tilde{\lambda}'] &= (\tilde{l})(\tilde{m}\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}) \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{l}\tilde{\lambda}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{l})(\tilde{m}(\mathbf{m}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M, L} \hat{\mathbf{l}})) \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{l}(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \lambda' \blacktriangle \mathbf{m}'))((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{l})(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{l}^- \lambda' \mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{l})(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{l}^- \lambda')\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{l})(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \cdot (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{l}^- \lambda')\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\mathbf{l})(m\gamma_{M, L})\mathbf{l} \cdot (m, \mathbf{l}\lambda')\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= ((\mathbf{l})(m\gamma_{M, L}) \cdot (m, \mathbf{l}\lambda')\chi)\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\mathbf{l}^m \cdot [m, \mathbf{l}\lambda'])\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{(\text{CS 4.4})}{=} \mathbf{l}\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} \tilde{l}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.5). Suppose given  $\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^* \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

We write  $m := \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \in M$ ,  $m^* := \tilde{m}^*\mathbf{m}^- \in M$  and  $m' := \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \in M'$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\tilde{m} \cdot \tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}'] &= (\tilde{m} \cdot \tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m} \cdot \tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= ((\tilde{m} \cdot \tilde{m}^*)\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \cdot \tilde{m}^*\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (m \cdot m^*, m')\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= [m \cdot m^*, m']\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{(\text{CS 4.5})}{=} ([m, m']^{m^*} \cdot [m^*, m'])\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} [m, m']^{m^*}\mathbf{l} \cdot [m^*, m']\mathbf{l} \\
 &= [m, m'](m^*\gamma_{M, L})\mathbf{l} \cdot [m^*, m']\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (m, m')\chi(m^*\gamma_{M, L})\mathbf{l} \cdot (m^*, m')\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi(m^*\gamma_{M, L})\mathbf{l} \cdot (\tilde{m}^*\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi)(m^*\gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l})(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle m^*\gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle m^*\gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(m^*\gamma_{M, L} \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(m^*\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{m}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{l}})) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(m^*\mathbf{m}\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{m}^*\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}) \cdot (\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}'](\tilde{m}^*\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}) \cdot [\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}'] \\
 &= [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']^{\tilde{m}^*} \cdot [\tilde{m}^*, \tilde{m}'].
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.6). Suppose given  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}', \tilde{m}^* \in \tilde{M}'$ .

We write  $m := \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \in M$ ,  $m' := \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \in M'$  and  $m^* := \tilde{m}^*\mathbf{m}'^- \in M'$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}' \cdot \tilde{m}^*] &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}' \cdot \tilde{m}^*)\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}' \cdot \tilde{m}^*)((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, (\tilde{m}' \cdot \tilde{m}^*)\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\tilde{m}m^-, \tilde{m}'m'^- \cdot \tilde{m}^*m'^-)\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (m, m' \cdot m^*)\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= [m, m' \cdot m^*]\mathfrak{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{(CS 4.6)}}{=} ([m, m^*] \cdot [m, m']^{m^*})\mathfrak{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} ([m, m^*] \cdot [m, m'](m^*\gamma_{M',L}))\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= [m, m^*]\mathfrak{l} \cdot [m, m'](m^*\gamma_{M',L})\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (m, m^*)\chi\mathfrak{l} \cdot (m, m')\chi(m^*\gamma_{M',L})\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}m^-, \tilde{m}'m'^-)\chi\mathfrak{l} \cdot (\tilde{m}m^-, \tilde{m}'m'^-)\chi(\tilde{m}^*m'^-\gamma_{M',L})\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*)((m^- \times m'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((m^- \times m'^-) \blacktriangle \chi)(\tilde{m}^*m'^-\gamma_{M',L} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*)((m^- \times m'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((m^- \times m'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l})(\mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}^*m'^-\gamma_{M',L} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*)\tilde{\chi} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}^*m'^-\gamma_{M',L} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*)\tilde{\chi} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{m}^*m'^-\gamma_{M',L}\hat{\mathfrak{l}}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*)\tilde{\chi} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{m}^*(m'^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M',L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{l}})) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*)\tilde{\chi} \cdot (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{m}^*\gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}) \\
 &= [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*] \cdot [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}'](\tilde{m}^*\gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}) \\
 &= [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}^*] \cdot [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']^{\tilde{m}^*}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.7). Suppose given  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$ ,  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$  and  $\tilde{p} \in P$ .

We write  $m := \tilde{m}m^- \in M$ ,  $m' := \tilde{m}'m'^- \in M'$  and  $p := \tilde{p}p^- \in P$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']^{\tilde{p}} &= [\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}'](\tilde{p}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{L}}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{p}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{L}}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((m^- \times m'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l})(\tilde{p}(p^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{l}})) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}m^-, \tilde{m}'m'^-)\chi\mathfrak{l}(\tilde{p}p^-\gamma_{P,L}\hat{\mathfrak{l}}) \\
 &= (m, m')\chi\mathfrak{l}(p\gamma_{P,L}\hat{\mathfrak{l}}) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (m, m')\chi\mathfrak{l}(\mathfrak{l}^- \blacktriangle p\gamma_{P,L} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \\
 &= (m, m')\chi(p\gamma_{P,L})\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= [m, m'](p\gamma_{P,L})\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= [m, m']^p\mathfrak{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{(CS 4.7)}}{=} [m^p, m'^p]\mathfrak{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{for } C}{=} [(m)(p\gamma_{P,M}), m'(p\gamma_{P,M'})]\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (m(p\gamma_{P,M}), m'(p\gamma_{P,M'}))\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}m^-(p\gamma_{P,M}), \tilde{m}'m'^-(p\gamma_{P,M'}))\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(m^- \blacktriangle (p\gamma_{P,M})), \tilde{m}'(m'^- \blacktriangle (p\gamma_{P,M'})))\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(m^- \blacktriangle (p\gamma_{P,M}) \blacktriangle m)m^-, \tilde{m}'(m'^- \blacktriangle (p\gamma_{P,M'}) \blacktriangle m'^-))\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{m}(p\gamma_{P,M}\hat{m})m^-, \tilde{m}'(p\gamma_{P,M'}\hat{m}'^-)m')\chi\mathfrak{l} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(p\gamma_{P,M}\hat{m}), \tilde{m}'(p\gamma_{P,M'}\hat{m}'^-))((m^- \times m'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathfrak{l}) \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(p\gamma_{P,M}\hat{m}), \tilde{m}'(p\gamma_{P,M'}\hat{m}'^-))\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(\tilde{p}p^-\gamma_{P,M}\hat{m}), \tilde{m}'(\tilde{p}p^-\gamma_{P,M'}\hat{m}'^-))\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(\tilde{p}(p^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,M} \blacktriangle \hat{m})), \tilde{m}'(\tilde{p}(p^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{P,M'} \blacktriangle \hat{m}'^-)))\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (\tilde{m}(\tilde{p}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}), \tilde{m}'(\tilde{p}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'}))\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= [\tilde{m}(\tilde{p}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}), \tilde{m}'(\tilde{p}\gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'})] \\
 &= [\tilde{m}^{\tilde{p}}, \tilde{m}'^{\tilde{p}}].
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.8). Suppose given  $\tilde{l} \in \tilde{L}$ ,  $\tilde{m} \in \tilde{M}$  and  $\tilde{m}' \in \tilde{M}'$ .

We write  $l := \tilde{l}^- \in L$ ,  $m := \tilde{m}m^- \in M$  and  $m' := \tilde{m}'m'^- \in M'$ .

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((\tilde{l}^{\tilde{m}'})^{\tilde{m}})^{[\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}']} &= ((\tilde{l}^{\tilde{m}'})^{\tilde{m}})^{(\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}(\tilde{m}'\gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}})(\tilde{m}\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}}))^{(\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')\tilde{\chi}} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}(\tilde{m}'(\mathbf{m}'^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M', L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{l}}))(\tilde{m}(\mathbf{m}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{l}})))^{(\tilde{m}, \tilde{m}')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l})} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M', L} \hat{\mathbf{l}})(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \hat{\mathbf{l}}))^{(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l}} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} (\tilde{l}(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M', L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l})(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}))^{(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l}} \\
 &= (\tilde{l}^-(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M', L})(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L})\mathbf{l})^{(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^-, \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^-)\chi \mathbf{l}} \\
 &= (l(m'\gamma_{M', L})(m\gamma_{M, L})\mathbf{l})^{(m, m')\chi \mathbf{l}} \\
 &= ((l(m'\gamma_{M', L})(m\gamma_{M, L}))^{(m, m')\chi})\mathbf{l} \\
 &= ((l(m'\gamma_{M', L})(m\gamma_{M, L}))^{[m, m']})\mathbf{l} \\
 &= (([m']^m)^{[m, m']})\mathbf{l} \\
 &\stackrel{(\text{CS 4.8})}{=} (([m]^m)^{m'})\mathbf{l} \\
 &\text{for } C \\
 &= l(m\gamma_{M, L})(m'\gamma_{M', L})\mathbf{l} \\
 &= \tilde{l}^-(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L})(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M', L})\mathbf{l} \\
 &= \tilde{l}(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l})(\mathbf{l}^- \blacktriangle \tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M', L} \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{R.18}}{=} \tilde{l}(\tilde{m}\mathbf{m}^- \gamma_{M, L} \hat{\mathbf{l}})(\tilde{m}'\mathbf{m}'^- \gamma_{M', L} \hat{\mathbf{l}}) \\
 &= \tilde{l}(\tilde{m}(\mathbf{m}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M, L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{l}}))(\tilde{m}'(\mathbf{m}'^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{M', L} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathbf{l}})) \\
 &= \tilde{l}(\tilde{m}\gamma_{\tilde{M}, \tilde{L}})(\tilde{m}'\gamma_{\tilde{M}', \tilde{L}}) \\
 &= (\tilde{l}^{\tilde{m}'})^{\tilde{m}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (2). By Remark 63, it suffices to show that  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}', \mathbf{p}) : C \rightarrow \tilde{C}$  is a morphism of crossed squares; cf. Definition 59.

*Ad* (1 of Definition 59). By Remark 33.(2), we have the following morphisms of crossed modules.

- (1)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}) : (L, M, \gamma_{L, M}, \lambda) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \gamma_{\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}}, \tilde{\lambda})$
- (2)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}') : (L, M', \gamma_{L, M'}, \lambda') \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}', \gamma_{\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}')$
- (3)  $(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}) : (M, P, \gamma_{P, M}, \mu) \rightarrow (\tilde{M}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$
- (4)  $(\mathbf{m}', \mathbf{p}) : (M', P, \gamma_{P, M'}, \mu') \rightarrow (\tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\mu}')$
- (5)  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p}) : (L, P, \gamma_{P, L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (\tilde{L}, \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{P}, \tilde{L}}, \tilde{\kappa})$

*Ad* (2 of Definition 59). Suppose given  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ . We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 [mm, m'm'] &= (mm, m'm')\tilde{\chi} \\
 &= (mm, m'm')((\mathbf{m}^- \times \mathbf{m}'^-) \blacktriangle \chi \blacktriangle \mathbf{l}) \\
 &= (mmm^-, m'm'm'^-)\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= (m, m')\chi \mathbf{l} \\
 &= [m, m']\mathbf{l}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

## 5.2 From $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups to crossed squares

### 5.2.1 The construction for the objects

Suppose given a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group  $G$ .

**Remark 68** The following statements hold.

- (1)  $[G_{2;0}, G_{2;1,2}] = 1$
- (2)  $[G_{2;0,1}, G_{2;1,2}] = 1$
- (3)  $[G_{2;0,2}, G_{2;1,2}] = 1$
- (4)  $[G_{2;0}, G_{2;1}] \leq G_{2;0,1}$
- (5)  $[G_{2;0}, G_{2;2}] \leq G_{2;0,2}$
- (6)  $[G_{2;1}, G_{2;2}] \leq G_{2;1,2}$

*Proof.*

*Ad (1, 2, 3).* The required equations hold due to Remark 54.

*Ad (4).* Suppose given  $z \in G_{2;0}$  and  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [z, g] d_0 &= [z d_0, g d_0] = [1, g d_0] = 1 \\ [z, g] d_1 &= [z d_1, g d_1] = [z d_1, 1] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $[z, g] \in G_{2;0,1}$ .

*Ad (5).* Suppose given  $z \in G_{2;0}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [z, h] d_0 &= [z d_0, h d_0] = [1, h d_0] = 1 \\ [z, h] d_2 &= [z d_2, h d_2] = [z d_2, 1] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $[z, h] \in G_{2;0,2}$ .

*Ad (6).* Suppose given  $g \in G_{2;1}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [g, h] d_1 &= [g d_1, h d_1] = [1, h d_1] = 1 \\ [g, h] d_2 &= [g d_2, h d_2] = [g d_2, 1] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $[g, h] \in G_{2;1,2}$ . □

**Remark 69** We have  $[g, h] = [gx, yh]$  for  $g \in G_{2;1}$ ,  $h \in G_{2;2}$ ,  $x \in G_{2;0,1}$  and  $y \in G_{2;0,2}$ .

*Proof.*

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [g, h][gx, yh]^- &= [g, h][yh, gx] \\ &= g^- h^- g h h^- y^- x^- g^- y h g x \\ &\stackrel{[x, y]=1}{=} g^- h^- g x^- y^- g^- y h g x \\ &\stackrel{[g, y]=1}{=} g^- h^- g x^- g^- y^- y h g x \\ &= g^- h^- g x^- h^g x \\ &\stackrel{[h^g, x]=1}{=} g^- h^- g h^g x^- x \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $[g, h] = [gx, yh]$ . □

**Lemma 70** Consider the groups

$$\begin{aligned} L &:= G_{2;1,2} \\ M &:= G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} \\ M' &:= G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ P &:= G_2/G_{2;0} \end{aligned}$$

and the group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{llll} G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & : k \mapsto kG_{2;0,1} \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G_2/G_{2;0} & : gG_{2;0,1} \mapsto gG_{2;0} \\ G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} & : k \mapsto kG_{2;0,2} \\ G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} & \xrightarrow{\mu'} & G_2/G_{2;0} & : hG_{2;0,2} \mapsto hG_{2;0}. \end{array}$$

The existence of  $\lambda$  is ensured, because  $G_{2;1,2} \leq G_{2;1}$ .

The existence of  $\mu$  is ensured, because  $G_{2;1} \leq G_2$  and  $G_{2;0,1} \leq G_{2;0}$ .

The existence of  $\lambda'$  is ensured, because  $G_{2;1,2} \leq G_{2;2}$ .

The existence of  $\mu'$  is ensured, because  $G_{2;2} \leq G_2$  and  $G_{2;0,2} \leq G_{2;0}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ \downarrow \lambda & & \downarrow \mu' \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G_2/G_{2;0} \end{array}$$

With the help of Remark 68 and Lemma 17, we have the group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{llll} G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M,L}} & \text{Aut}(G_{2;1,2}) & : gG_{2;0,1} \mapsto (k \mapsto k^g G_{2;0,1} := k^g) \\ G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{M',L}} & \text{Aut}(G_{2;1,2}) & : hG_{2;0,2} \mapsto (k \mapsto k^h G_{2;0,2} := k^h) \\ G_2/G_{2;0} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,L}} & \text{Aut}(G_{2;1,2}) & : lG_{2;0} \mapsto (k \mapsto k^l G_{2;0} := k^l) \\ G_2/G_{2;0} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M}} & \text{Aut}(G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}) & : lG_{2;0} \mapsto (gG_{2;0,1} \mapsto (gG_{2;0,1})^{lG_{2;0}} := g^l G_{2;0,1}) \\ G_2/G_{2;0} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_{P,M'}} & \text{Aut}(G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}) & : lG_{2;0} \mapsto (hG_{2;0,2} \mapsto (hG_{2;0,2})^{lG_{2;0}} := h^l G_{2;0,2}). \end{array}$$

Here  $g \in G_{2;1}$ ,  $h \in G_{2;2}$ ,  $l \in G_2$  and  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

With the help of Remark 68.(6) and Remark 69, we have the map

$$\begin{array}{ll} G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} \times G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} & \xrightarrow{\chi} G_{2;1,2} \\ (gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}) & \mapsto [g, h] =: [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}], \end{array}$$

where  $g \in G_{2;1}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then

$$GSq := (G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi)$$

is a crossed square.



*Proof.*

*Ad (CS 1).* For  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (k)(\lambda \blacktriangle \mu) &= (kG_{2;0,1})\mu \\ &= kG_{2;0} \\ &= (kG_{2;0,2})\mu' \\ &= (k)(\lambda' \blacktriangle \mu'). \end{aligned}$$

So  $\lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu'$  and we write

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : G_{2;1,2} &\longrightarrow G_2/G_{2;0} \\ k &\longmapsto kG_{2;0}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CS 2.1).* We have to show that  $(G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda)$  is a crossed module.

*Ad (CM 1).* Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (k^g G_{2;0,1})\lambda &= (k^g)\lambda \\ &= k^g G_{2;0,1} \\ &= (kG_{2;0,1})^{gG_{2;0,1}} \\ &= (k\lambda)^{gG_{2;0,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CM 2).* Suppose given  $k, \tilde{k} \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^{\tilde{k}} &= k^{\tilde{k}G_{2;0,1}} \\ &= k^{\tilde{k}\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CS 2.2).* We have to show that  $(G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda')$  is a crossed module.

*Ad (CM 1).* Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (k^h G_{2;0,2})\lambda' &= (k^h)\lambda' \\ &= k^h G_{2;0,2} \\ &= (kG_{2;0,2})^{hG_{2;0,2}} \\ &= (k\lambda')^{hG_{2;0,2}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CM 2).* Suppose given  $k, \tilde{k} \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^{\tilde{k}} &= k^{\tilde{k}G_{2;0,2}} \\ &= k^{\tilde{k}\lambda'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CS 2.3).* We have to show that  $(G_{2;1,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$  is a crossed module.

*Ad (CM 1).* Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (k^l G_{2;0})\kappa &= (k^l)\kappa \\ &= k^l G_{2;0} \\ &= (kG_{2;0})^{lG_{2;0}} \\ &= (k\kappa)^{lG_{2;0}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (CM 2).* Suppose given  $k, \tilde{k} \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^{\tilde{k}} &= k^{\tilde{k}G_{2;0}} \\ &= k^{\tilde{k}\kappa}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 2.4). We have to show that  $(G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$  is a crossed module.

*Ad* (CM 1). Suppose given  $g \in G_{2;1}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((gG_{2;0,1})^{lG_{2;0}})\mu &= ((g^l)G_{2;0,1})\mu \\ &= g^lG_{2;0} \\ &= (gG_{2;0})^{lG_{2;0}} \\ &= ((gG_{2;0,1})\mu)^{lG_{2;0}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CM 2). Suppose given  $g, \tilde{g} \in G_{2;1}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (gG_{2;0,1})^{\tilde{g}G_{2;0,1}} &= g\tilde{g}G_{2;0,1} \\ &= (gG_{2;0,1})\tilde{g}G_{2;0} \\ &= (gG_{2;0,1})^{(\tilde{g}G_{2;0,1})\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 2.5). We have to show that  $(G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$  is a crossed module.

*Ad* (CM 1). Suppose given  $h \in G_{2;2}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((hG_{2;0,2})^{lG_{2;0}})\mu' &= ((h^l)G_{2;0,2})\mu' \\ &= h^lG_{2;0} \\ &= (hG_{2;0})^{lG_{2;0}} \\ &= ((hG_{2;0,2})\mu')^{lG_{2;0}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CM 2). Suppose given  $h, \tilde{h} \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (hG_{2;0,2})^{\tilde{h}G_{2;0,2}} &= h\tilde{h}G_{2;0,2} \\ &= (hG_{2;0,2})\tilde{h}G_{2;0} \\ &= (hG_{2;0,2})^{(\tilde{h}G_{2;0,2})\mu'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 3.1). We have to show that

$$(\text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}}, \mu) : (G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, \gamma_{M,L}, \lambda) \rightarrow (G_{2;1,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} k\lambda\mu &= k\kappa \\ &= k \text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}} \kappa \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (k^gG_{2;0,1}) \text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}} &= k^g \\ &= (k \text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}})^gG_{2;0} \\ &= (k \text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}})^gG_{2;0,1}\mu. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 3.2). We have to show that

$$(\text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}}, \mu') : (G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, \gamma_{M',L}, \lambda') \rightarrow (G_{2;1,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa)$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} k\lambda'\mu' &= k\kappa \\ &= k \operatorname{id}_{G_{2;1,2}} \kappa \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (k^{hG_{2;0,2}}) \operatorname{id}_{G_{2;1,2}} &= k^h \\ &= (k \operatorname{id}_{G_{2;1,2}})^{hG_{2;0,2}} \\ &= (k \operatorname{id}_{G_{2;1,2}})^{hG_{2;0,2}\mu'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 3.3). We have to show that

$$(\lambda, \operatorname{id}_{G_2/G_{2;0}}) : (G_{2;1,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu)$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} k\kappa \operatorname{id}_{G_{2;0}} &= k\kappa \\ &= k\lambda\mu \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (k^{lG_{2;0}})\lambda &= (k^l)G_{2;0,1} \\ &= (kG_{2;0,1})^{lG_{2;0}} \\ &= (k\lambda)^{lG_{2;0} \operatorname{id}_{G_2/G_{2;0}}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 3.4). We have to show that

$$(\lambda', \operatorname{id}_{G_2/G_{2;0}}) : (G_{2;1,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu')$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} k\kappa \operatorname{id}_{G_{2;0}} &= k\kappa \\ &= k\lambda'\mu' \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (k^{lG_{2;0}})\lambda' &= (k^l)G_{2;0,2} \\ &= (kG_{2;0,2})^{lG_{2;0}} \\ &= (k\lambda')^{lG_{2;0} \operatorname{id}_{G_2/G_{2;0}}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.1). Suppose given  $m \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$  and  $m' \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g \in G_{2;1}$ , and  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot [m, m']\lambda &= gG_{2;0,1} \cdot [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]\lambda \\ &= gG_{2;0,1} \cdot [g, h]\lambda \\ &= gG_{2;0,1} \cdot [g, h]G_{2;0,1} \\ &= (g \cdot [g, h])G_{2;0,1} \\ &= (gg^{-1}h^{-1}gh)G_{2;0,1} \\ &= (h^{-1}gh)G_{2;0,1} \\ &= g^hG_{2;0,1} \\ &= (gG_{2;0,1})^{hG_{2;0,2}} \\ &= (gG_{2;0,1})^{hG_{2;0,2}\mu'} \\ &= m^{m'\mu'}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (CS 4.2). Suppose given  $m \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$  and  $m' \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g \in G_{2;1}$ , and  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 m'^{m\mu} \cdot [m, m']\lambda' &= (hG_{2;0,2})^{gG_{2;0,1}\mu} \cdot [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]\lambda' \\
 &= (hG_{2;0,2})^{gG_{2;0}} \cdot [g, h]G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= h^g G_{2;0,2} \cdot [g, h]G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= (h^g [g, h])G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= (g^- h g g^- h^- g h)G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= hG_{2;0,2} \\
 &= m'.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.3). Suppose given  $m' \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$  and  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

We write  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 k \cdot [k\lambda, m'] &= k \cdot [k\lambda, hG_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= k \cdot [kG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= k \cdot [k, h] \\
 &= k k^- h^- k h \\
 &= h^- k h \\
 &= k^h \\
 &= k^h G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= k^{m'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.4). Suppose given  $m \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$  and  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 k^m \cdot [m, k\lambda'] &= k^g G_{2;0,1} \cdot [gG_{2;0,1}, k\lambda'] \\
 &= k^g G_{2;0,1} \cdot [gG_{2;0,1}, kG_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= k^g [g, k] \\
 &= g^- k g g^- k^- g k \\
 &= k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.5). Suppose given  $m, m^* \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$  and  $m' \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$  and  $m^* = g^*G_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g, g^* \in G_{2;1}$  and  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [m, m']^{m^*} \cdot [m^*, m'] &= [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]^{g^*G_{2;0,1}} \cdot [g^*G_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= [g, h]^{g^*} \cdot [g^*, h] \\
 &= g^* g^- h^- g h g^* g^* h^- g^* h \\
 &= g^* g^- h^- g g^* h \\
 &= [g \cdot g^*, h] \\
 &= [gG_{2;0,1} \cdot g^*G_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= [m \cdot m^*, m'].
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.6). Suppose given  $m \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$  and  $m', m^{*'} \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g \in G_{2;1}$ ,  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , and  $m^{*'} = h^*G_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h, h^* \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [m', m^{*'}] \cdot [m, m']^{m^{*'}} &= [gG_{2;0,1}, h^*G_{2;0,2}] \cdot [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]^{h^*G_{2;0,2}} \\
 &= [g, h^*] \cdot [g, h]^{h^*} \\
 &= g^- h^* g^- h^* h^* g^- h^- g h h^* \\
 &= g^- h^* h^- g h h^* \\
 &= [g, h \cdot h^*] \\
 &= [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2} \cdot h^*G_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= [m, m' \cdot m^{*'}].
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.7). Suppose given  $m \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$ ,  $m' \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$  and  $p \in P = G_2/G_{2;0}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g \in G_{2;1}$ ,  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h \in G_{2;2}$ , and  $p = lG_{2;0}$ , where  $l \in G_2$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [m^p, m'^p] &= [(gG_{2;0,1})^{lG_{2;0}}, (hG_{2;0,2})^{lG_{2;0}}] \\
 &= [g^l G_{2;0,1}, h^l G_{2;0,2}] \\
 &= [g^l, h^l] \\
 &= [l^- g l, l^- h l] \\
 &= l^- g^- l l^- h^- l l^- g l l^- h l \\
 &= l^- g^- h^- g h l \\
 &= [g, h]^l \\
 &= [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]^{lG_{2;0}} \\
 &= [m, m']^p.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ad (CS 4.8). Suppose given  $m \in M = G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}$ ,  $m' \in M' = G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}$  and  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

We write  $m = gG_{2;0,1}$ , where  $g \in G_{2;1}$ , and  $m' = hG_{2;0,2}$ , where  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((k^{m'})^m)^{[m, m']} &= ((k^{hG_{2;0,2}})^{gG_{2;0,1}})^{[gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]} \\
 &= ((k^h)^g)^{[g, h]} \\
 &= h^- g^- h g g^- h^- k h g g^- h^- g h \\
 &= h^- g^- k g h \\
 &= (k^g)^h \\
 &= (k^{gG_{2;0,1}})^{hG_{2;0,2}} \\
 &= (k^m)^{m'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

## 5.2.2 The construction for the morphisms

Suppose given a morphism  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups.

**Remark 71** There exists the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_{2;A} &:= \varphi_2 \Big|_{G_{2;A}}^{H_{2;A}} : G_{2;A} \rightarrow H_{2;A} \\
 g_2 &\mapsto g_2 \varphi_2
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $A \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Cf. Definition 53.(2).

*Proof.* Suppose given  $x \in G_{2;A}$ .

This means  $x d_i = 1$  for  $i \in A$ .

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \varphi_2 d_i &= x d_i \varphi_1 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $i \in A$ .

So we have  $x \varphi_2 \in H_{2;A}$ .

Altogether,

$$(G_{2;A})\varphi_2 \subseteq H_{2;A}.$$

□

**Remark 72** Suppose given  $B \subseteq A \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

Then there exists the group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}_{2;B,A} : G_{2;B}/G_{2;A} &\longrightarrow H_{2;B}/H_{2;A} \\ g_2 G_{2;A} &\longmapsto g_2 \varphi_2 H_{2;A}. \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Definition 53.(2).

*Proof.* The following quadrangle of group morphisms commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{2;A} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2;A}} & H_{2;A} \\ \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \\ G_{2;B} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2;B}} & H_{2;B} \\ \downarrow \rho^G & & \downarrow \rho^H \\ G_{2;B}/G_{2;A} & & H_{2;B}/H_{2;A}, \end{array}$$

where  $\rho^G$  and  $\rho^H$  are the residue class morphisms.

Cf. Remark 71.

Since we have

$$(G_{2;A})(\varphi_{2;B} \blacktriangle \rho^H) = (G_{2;A} \varphi_{2;A}) \rho^H = 1,$$

we may complete the commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{2;A} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2;A}} & H_{2;A} \\ \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \\ G_{2;B} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2;B}} & H_{2;B} \\ \downarrow \rho^G & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \rho^H \\ G_{2;B}/G_{2;A} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}_{2;B,A}} & H_{2;B}/H_{2;A} \end{array}$$

For  $g_2 \in G_{2;B}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 G_{2;A} \bar{\varphi}_{2;B,A} &= g_2 \rho^G \bar{\varphi}_{2;B,A} \\ &= g_2 \varphi_{2;B} \rho^H \\ &= g_2 \varphi_{2;B} H_{2;A}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 73** We abbreviate

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{2;1,2} := \varphi_{2;\{1,2\}} : G_{2;1,2} &\longrightarrow H_{2;1,2} \\ g_2 &\longmapsto g_2 \varphi_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} := \varphi_{2;\{\emptyset\},\{0\}} : G_2/G_{2;0} &\longrightarrow H_2/H_{2;0} \\ g_2 G_{2;0} &\longmapsto g_2 \varphi_2 H_{2;0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}_{2;1} := \varphi_{2;\{1\},\{0,1\}} : G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} &\longrightarrow H_{2;1}/H_{2;0,1} \\ g_2 G_{2;0,1} &\longmapsto g_2 \varphi_2 H_{2;0,1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi}_{2;2} := \varphi_{2;\{2\},\{0,2\}} : G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} &\longrightarrow H_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2} \\ g_2 G_{2;0,2} &\longmapsto g_2 \varphi_2 H_{2;0,2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 74** We have the crossed squares

$$\begin{aligned} G \text{Sq} &= (L, M, M', P, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi) \\ &= (G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{M,L}, \gamma_{M',L}, \gamma_{P,L}, \gamma_{P,M}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu', \chi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} H \text{Sq} &= (\tilde{L}, \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}', \tilde{P}, \gamma_{\tilde{M},\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\lambda}', \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mu}', \tilde{\chi}) \\ &= (H_{2;1,2}, H_{2;1}/H_{2;0,1}, H_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2}, H_2/H_{2;0}, \gamma_{\tilde{M},\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{M}',\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{L}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\lambda}', \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mu}', \tilde{\chi}). \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Lemma 70.

Let  $\varphi \text{Sq} := (\varphi_{2;1,2}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;1}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;2}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset})$ , cf. Remark 71 and Remark 72.

Then

$$\varphi \text{Sq} : G \text{Sq} \rightarrow H \text{Sq}$$

is a morphism of crossed squares.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ & \swarrow \lambda & \downarrow & \swarrow \mu' & \downarrow \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G_2/G_{2;0} & & \downarrow \bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \\ & \searrow \varphi_{2;1,2} & \downarrow & \searrow \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} & \\ \bar{\varphi}_{2;1} & & H_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\lambda}'} & H_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2} \\ & \swarrow \tilde{\lambda} & \downarrow & \swarrow \tilde{\mu}' & \\ & & H_{2;1}/H_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}} & H_2/H_{2;0} \end{array}$$

*Proof.* We have to show the properties (1, 2) from Definition 59.

We write  $\kappa := \lambda \blacktriangle \mu = \lambda' \blacktriangle \mu' : G_{2;1,2} \rightarrow G_2/G_{2;0}$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} := \tilde{\lambda} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu} = \tilde{\lambda}' \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}' : H_{2;1,2} \rightarrow H_2/H_{2;0}$ .

*Ad (1.a).* We have to show that

$$(\varphi_{2;1,2}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;1}) : (G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, \gamma_{L,M}, \lambda) \rightarrow (H_{2;1,2}, H_{2;1}/H_{2;0,1}, \gamma_{\tilde{L},\tilde{M}}, \tilde{\lambda})$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

Then we have

$$(k)(\lambda \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;1}) = (kG_{2;0,1})\bar{\varphi}_{2;1} = k\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1}$$

and

$$(k)(\varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\lambda}) = (k\varphi_2)\tilde{\lambda} = k\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1},$$

which is the same.

So

$$\lambda \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;1} = \varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\lambda}.$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (k^{gG_{2;0,1}})\varphi_{2;1,2} &= (k^g)\varphi_{2;1,2} \\
 &= (k^g)\varphi_2 \\
 &= (k\varphi_2)^{g\varphi_2} \\
 &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})^{g\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1}} \\
 &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})^{gG_{2;0,1}\bar{\varphi}_{2;1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (1.b).* We have to show that

$$(\varphi_{2;1,2}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;2}) : (G_{2;1,2}, G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, \gamma_{L,M'}, \lambda') \rightarrow (H_{2;1,2}, H_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2}, \gamma_{\tilde{L},\tilde{M}'}, \tilde{\lambda}')$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$(k)(\lambda' \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;2}) = (kG_{2;0,2})\bar{\varphi}_{2;2} = k\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2}$$

and

$$(k)(\varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\lambda}') = (k\varphi_2)\tilde{\lambda}' = k\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2},$$

which is the same.

So

$$\lambda' \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;2} = \varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\lambda}'.$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (k^{hG_{2;0,2}})\varphi_{2;1,2} &= (k^h)\varphi_{2;1,2} \\
 &= (k^h)\varphi_2 \\
 &= (k\varphi_2)^{h\varphi_2} \\
 &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})^{h\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2}} \\
 &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})^{hG_{2;0,2}\bar{\varphi}_{2;2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (1.c).* We have to show that

$$(\bar{\varphi}_{2;1}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) : (G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,M}, \mu) \rightarrow (H_{2;1}/H_{2;0,1}, H_2/H_{2;0}, \gamma_{\tilde{P},\tilde{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $g \in G_{2;1}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$(gG_{2;0,1})(\mu \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) = (gG_{2;0})\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} = g\varphi_2 H_{2;0}$$

and

$$(gG_{2;0,1})(\bar{\varphi}_{2;1} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}) = (g\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1})\tilde{\mu} = g\varphi_2 H_{2;0},$$

which is the same.

So

$$\mu \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} = \bar{\varphi}_{2;1} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}.$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((gG_{2;0,1})^{lG_{2;0}})\bar{\varphi}_{2;1} &= ((g^l)G_{2;0,1})\bar{\varphi}_{2;1} \\
 &= ((g^l)\varphi_2)H_{2;0,1} \\
 &= (g\varphi_2)^{l\varphi_2} H_{2;0,1} \\
 &= (g\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1})^{l\varphi_2 H_{2;0}} \\
 &= (gG_{2;0,1}\bar{\varphi}_{2;1})^{lG_{2;0}\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}}.
 \end{aligned}$$



*Ad* (1.d). We have to show that

$$(\bar{\varphi}_{2;2}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) : (G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,M'}, \mu') \rightarrow (H_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2}, H_2/H_{2;0}, \gamma_{\bar{P},\bar{M}'}, \tilde{\mu}')$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $h \in G_{2;2}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$(hG_{2;0,2})(\mu' \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) = (hG_{2;0})\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} = h\varphi_2 H_{2;0}$$

and

$$(hG_{2;0,2})(\bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}') = (h\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2})\tilde{\mu}' = h\varphi_2 H_{2;0},$$

which is the same.

So

$$\mu' \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} = \bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\mu}'.$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((hG_{2;0,2})^{lG_{2;0}})\bar{\varphi}_{2;2} &= ((h^l)G_{2;0,2})\bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \\ &= ((h^l)\varphi_2)H_{2;0,2} \\ &= (h\varphi_2)^{l\varphi_2}H_{2;0,2} \\ &= (h\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2})^{l\varphi_2}H_{2;0} \\ &= (hG_{2;0,2}\bar{\varphi}_{2;2})^{lG_{2;0}\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (1.e). We have to show that

$$(\varphi_{2;1,2}, \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) : (G_{2;1,2}, G_2/G_{2;0}, \gamma_{P,L}, \kappa) \rightarrow (H_{2;1,2}, H_2/H_{2;0}, \gamma_{\bar{P},\bar{L}}, \tilde{\kappa})$$

is a morphism of crossed modules.

Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$  and  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$(k)(\kappa \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) = (kG_{2;0})\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} = k\varphi_2 H_{2;0}$$

and

$$(k)(\varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\kappa}) = (k\varphi_2)\tilde{\kappa} = k\varphi_2 H_{2;0},$$

which is the same.

So

$$\kappa \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} = \varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \tilde{\kappa}.$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (k^{lG_{2;0}})\varphi_{2;1,2} &= (k^l)\varphi_{2;1,2} \\ &= (k^l)\varphi_2 \\ &= (k\varphi_2)^{l\varphi_2} \\ &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})^{l\varphi_2}H_{2;0} \\ &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})^{lG_{2;0}\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Ad* (2). Suppose given  $g \in G_{2;1}$  and  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [gG_{2;0,1}\bar{\varphi}_{2;1}, hG_{2;0,2}\bar{\varphi}_{2;2}] &= [g\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1}, h\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2}] \\ &= [g\varphi_2, h\varphi_2] \\ &= [g, h]\varphi_2 \\ &= [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]\varphi_2 \\ &= [gG_{2;0,1}, hG_{2;0,2}]\varphi_{2;1,2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 5.2.3 The functor $Sq$

**Definition 75** We shall define the following functor.

$$Sq : [2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \longrightarrow CrSq$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} G \\ \downarrow \varphi \\ H \end{array} \right) \longmapsto \left( \begin{array}{c} GSq \\ \downarrow \varphi_{Sq} \\ HSq \end{array} \right)$$

(1) Suppose given a  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial group  $G$ .

The crossed square  $GSq$  has been defined in Lemma 70.

$$GSq = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ \downarrow \lambda & & \downarrow \mu' \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G_2/G_{2;0} \end{array} \right)$$

In the notation of Lemma 70, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (GSq)_{1,1} &= G_{2;1,2} \\ (GSq)_{1,0} &= G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} \\ (GSq)_{0,1} &= G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ (GSq)_{0,0} &= G_2/G_{2;0} \\ \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq} &= \gamma_{M,L} \\ \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq} &= \gamma_{M',L} \\ \gamma_{G^{1,1}}^{GSq} &= \gamma_{P,L} \\ \gamma_{G^{1,0}}^{GSq} &= \gamma_{P,M} \\ \gamma_{G^{0,1}}^{GSq} &= \gamma_{P,M'} \\ \lambda_{G^{1,0}}^{GSq} &= \lambda \\ \lambda_{G^{0,1}}^{GSq} &= \lambda' \\ \mu_{1,0}^{GSq} &= \mu \\ \mu_{0,1}^{GSq} &= \mu' \\ \chi_{GSq} &= \chi \\ \kappa_{GSq} &= \kappa. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Suppose given a morphism of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} H$ .

The following diagram morphism is a morphism of crossed squares, by Lemma 74.

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} G \\ \varphi \downarrow \\ H \end{array} \right) \text{Sq} := \left( \begin{array}{ccc} & G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ & \swarrow \lambda & \downarrow & \swarrow \mu' & \downarrow \bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G_2/G_{2;0} & & \\ \downarrow \bar{\varphi}_{2;1} & \searrow \varphi_{2;1,2} & \downarrow & \searrow \bar{\varphi}_{2;0} & \\ & H_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\lambda}'} & H_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2} & \\ & \swarrow \tilde{\lambda} & \downarrow & \swarrow \tilde{\mu}' & \\ H_{2;1}/H_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}} & H_2/H_{2;0} & & \end{array} \right)$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi \text{Sq})_{1,1} &= \varphi_{2;1,2} \\ (\varphi \text{Sq})_{1,0} &= \bar{\varphi}_{2;1} \\ (\varphi \text{Sq})_{0,1} &= \bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \\ (\varphi \text{Sq})_{0,0} &= \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} \\ \lambda_{G \text{Sq}}^{1,0} &= \lambda \\ \lambda_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1} &= \lambda' \\ \mu_{1,0}^{G \text{Sq}} &= \mu \\ \mu_{0,1}^{G \text{Sq}} &= \mu' \\ \chi_{G \text{Sq}} &= \chi \\ \kappa_{G \text{Sq}} &= \tilde{\kappa} \\ \lambda_{H \text{Sq}}^{1,0} &= \tilde{\lambda} \\ \lambda_{H \text{Sq}}^{0,1} &= \tilde{\lambda}' \\ \mu_{1,0}^{H \text{Sq}} &= \tilde{\mu} \\ \mu_{0,1}^{H \text{Sq}} &= \tilde{\mu}' \\ \chi_{H \text{Sq}} &= \tilde{\chi} \\ \kappa_{H \text{Sq}} &= \tilde{\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

(3) Suppose given morphisms of  $[2, 0]$ -simplicial groups  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} H \xrightarrow{\varphi'} K$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad (\text{id}_G) \text{Sq} &= \text{id}_{(G \text{Sq})} \\ \text{(b)} \quad (\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq} &= \varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\text{Sq} : [2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \rightarrow \text{CrSq}$  is a functor.

*Proof.*

*Ad (3.a).* Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} k(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,1} &= k(\text{id}_G)_{2;1,2} \\ &= k \text{id}_{G_{2;1,2}} \\ &= k \text{id}_{(G \text{Sq})_{1,1}} \\ &= k(\text{id}_{G \text{Sq}})_{1,1}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (gG_{2;0,1})(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,0} &= gG_{2;0,1} \overline{(\text{id}_G)_{2;1}} \\
 &= g(\text{id}_G)_2 G_{2;0,1} \\
 &= g \text{id}_{G_2} G_{2;0,1} \\
 &= gG_{2;0,1} \\
 &= gG_{2;0,1} \text{id}_{G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}} \\
 &= gG_{2;0,1} \text{id}_{(G \text{Sq})_{1,0}} \\
 &= gG_{2;0,1}(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (hG_{2;0,2})(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,1} &= hG_{2;0,2} \overline{(\text{id}_G)_{2;2}} \\
 &= h(\text{id}_G)_2 G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= h \text{id}_{G_2} G_{2;0,2} \\
 &= hG_{2;0,2} \\
 &= hG_{2;0,2} \text{id}_{G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2}} \\
 &= hG_{2;0,2} \text{id}_{(G \text{Sq})_{0,1}} \\
 &= hG_{2;0,2}(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (lG_{2;0})(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,0} &= lG_{2;0} \overline{(\text{id}_G)_{2;\emptyset}} \\
 &= l(\text{id}_G)_2 G_{2;0} \\
 &= l \text{id}_{G_2} G_{2;0} \\
 &= lG_{2;0} \\
 &= lG_{2;0} \text{id}_{G_2/G_{2;0}} \\
 &= lG_{2;0} \text{id}_{(G \text{Sq})_{0,0}} \\
 &= lG_{2;0}(\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Altogether, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{id}_G \text{Sq} &= ((\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,1}, (\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,0}, (\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,1}, (\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,0}) \\
 &= ((\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,1}, (\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{1,0}, (\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,1}, (\text{id}_G \text{Sq})_{0,0}) \\
 &= \text{id}_{G \text{Sq}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Ad (3.b).* Suppose given  $k \in G_{2;1,2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 k((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{1,1} &= k(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')_{2;1,2} \\
 &= k(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')_2 \\
 &= k(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2) \\
 &= (k\varphi_2)\varphi'_2 \\
 &= (k\varphi_{2;1,2})\varphi'_{2;1,2} \\
 &= k(\varphi_{2;1,2} \blacktriangle \varphi'_{2;1,2}) \\
 &= k((\varphi \text{Sq})_{1,1} \blacktriangle (\varphi' \text{Sq})_{1,1}) \\
 &= k(\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{1,1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $g \in G_{2;1}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (gG_{2;0,1})((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{1,0} &= gG_{2;0,1} \overline{(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')}_{2;1} \\
 &= g(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')_2 K_{2;0,1} \\
 &= g(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2) K_{2;0,1} \\
 &= (g\varphi_2) \varphi'_2 K_{2;0,1} \\
 &= (g\varphi_2 H_{2;0,1}) \bar{\varphi}'_{2;1} \\
 &= (gG_{2;0,1} \bar{\varphi}_{2;1}) \bar{\varphi}'_{2;1} \\
 &= (gG_{2;0,1}) (\bar{\varphi}_{2;1} \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_{2;1}) \\
 &= (gG_{2;0,1}) ((\varphi \text{Sq})_{1,0} \blacktriangle (\varphi' \text{Sq})_{1,0}) \\
 &= (gG_{2;0,1}) (\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{1,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $h \in G_{2;2}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (hG_{2;0,2})((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{0,1} &= hG_{2;0,2} \overline{(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')}_{2;2} \\
 &= h(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')_2 K_{2;0,2} \\
 &= h(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2) K_{2;0,2} \\
 &= (h\varphi_2) \varphi'_2 K_{2;0,2} \\
 &= (h\varphi_2 H_{2;0,2}) \bar{\varphi}'_{2;2} \\
 &= (hG_{2;0,2} \bar{\varphi}_{2;2}) \bar{\varphi}'_{2;2} \\
 &= (hG_{2;0,2}) (\bar{\varphi}_{2;2} \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_{2;2}) \\
 &= (hG_{2;0,2}) ((\varphi \text{Sq})_{0,1} \blacktriangle (\varphi' \text{Sq})_{0,1}) \\
 &= (hG_{2;0,2}) (\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{0,1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose given  $l \in G_2$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (lG_{2;0})((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{0,0} &= lG_{2;0} \overline{(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')}_{2;\emptyset} \\
 &= l(\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi')_2 K_{2;0} \\
 &= l(\varphi_2 \blacktriangle \varphi'_2) K_{2;0} \\
 &= (l\varphi_2) \varphi'_2 K_{2;0} \\
 &= (l\varphi_2 H_{2;0}) \bar{\varphi}'_{2;\emptyset} \\
 &= (lG_{2;0} \bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset}) \bar{\varphi}'_{2;\emptyset} \\
 &= (lG_{2;0}) (\bar{\varphi}_{2;\emptyset} \blacktriangle \bar{\varphi}'_{2;\emptyset}) \\
 &= (lG_{2;0}) ((\varphi \text{Sq})_{0,0} \blacktriangle (\varphi' \text{Sq})_{0,0}) \\
 &= (lG_{2;0}) (\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{0,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Altogether, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq} &= ((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{1,1}, ((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{1,0}, ((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{0,1}, ((\varphi \blacktriangle \varphi') \text{Sq})_{0,0} \\
 &= ((\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{1,1}, (\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{1,0}, (\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{0,1}, (\varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq})_{0,0}) \\
 &= \varphi \text{Sq} \blacktriangle \varphi' \text{Sq}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

### 5.3 An isomorphic copy $G\text{Sq}^!$ of $G\text{Sq}$ avoiding factor groups

We shall make frequent use of Remark 56.

**Remark 76** We have the following group isomorphisms.

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \psi_{1,0} : & G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \xrightarrow{\sim} G_{1;0} \\ & g_2 G_{2;0,1} & \mapsto g_2 d_0 \\ & (g_1 s_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1) G_{2;0,1} & \longleftarrow g_1 \end{array}$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \psi_{0,1} : & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} & \xrightarrow{\sim} G_{1;1} \\ & h_2 G_{2;0,2} & \mapsto h_2 d_0 \\ & h_1 s_0 G_{2;0,2} & \longleftarrow h_1 \end{array}$$

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \psi_{0,0} : & G_2/G_{2;0} & \xrightarrow{\sim} G_1 \\ & k_2 G_{2;0} & \mapsto k_2 d_0 \\ & k_1 s_0 G_{2;0} & \longleftarrow k_1 \end{array}$$

*Proof.*

*Ad (1).* We have  $g_2 d_0 \in G_{1;0}$  for  $g_2 \in G_{2;1}$  and  $g_1 s_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1 \in G_{2;1}$  for  $g_1 \in G_{1;0}$ , because

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 d_0 d_0 &= g_2 d_1 d_0 \\ &= 1 d_0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 s_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1) d_1 &= g_1 s_0 d_1 \cdot g_1^- s_1 d_1 \\ &= g_1 g_1^- \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

$$\ker(d_0 |_{G_{2;1}^{G_{1;0}}}) = G_{2;1} \cap \ker(d_0) = G_{2;0,1} \trianglelefteq G_{2;1}$$

and, for  $g_1 \in G_{1;0}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 s_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1) d_0 &= g_1 s_0 d_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1 d_0 \\ &= g_1 \cdot g_1^- d_0 s_0 \\ &= g_1. \end{aligned}$$

So the injective group morphism

$$\psi_{1,0} : G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} \rightarrow G_{1;0}$$

is surjective.

Suppose given  $g_1 \in G_{1;0}$ .

The claimed inverse  $\psi_{1,0}^-$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1)(\psi_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \psi_{1,0}) &= (g_1 \psi_{1,0}^-) \psi_{1,0} \\ &= (g_1 s_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1) G_{2;0,1} \psi_{1,0} \\ &= (g_1 s_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1) d_0 \\ &= g_1 s_0 d_0 \cdot g_1^- s_1 d_0 \\ &= g_1 \cdot g_1^- d_0 s_0 \\ &= g_1 \\ &= g_1 \text{id}_{G_{1;0}}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\psi_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \psi_{1,0} = \text{id}_{G_{1;0}}$  and thus  $\psi_{1,0}^-$  is in fact the inverse to  $\psi_{1,0}$ .

Therefore

$$\psi_{1,0} : G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} \rightarrow G_{1;0}$$

is an isomorphism, with inverse as claimed.

*Ad (2).* We have  $h_2 d_0 \in G_{1;1}$  for  $h_2 \in G_{2;2}$  and  $h_1 s_0 \in G_{2;2}$  for  $h_1 \in G_{1;1}$ , because

$$\begin{aligned} h_2 d_0 d_1 &= h_2 d_2 d_0 \\ &= 1 d_0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 s_0 d_2 &= h_1 d_1 s_0 \\ &= 1 s_0 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover we have

$$\ker(d_0 |_{G_{2;2}}^{G_{1;1}}) = G_{2;2} \cap \ker(d_0) = G_{2;0,2} \trianglelefteq G_{2;2}$$

and

$$s_0 |_{G_{1;1}}^{G_{2;2}} \blacktriangle d_0 |_{G_{2;2}}^{G_{1;1}} = \text{id}_{G_{1;1}}.$$

So

$$\psi_{0,1} : G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \rightarrow G_{1;1}$$

is an isomorphism, with inverse as claimed; cf. Lemma 22.

*Ad (3).* We have  $s_0 \blacktriangle d_0 = \text{id}_{G_1}$ .

Moreover we have  $\ker(d_0) = G_{2;0} \trianglelefteq G_2$ .

So

$$\psi_0 : G_2/G_{2;0} \rightarrow G_1$$

is an isomorphism, with inverse as claimed; cf. Lemma 22. □

**Remark 77** We have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1 : N_0 \times N_1 &\longrightarrow G_1 \\ (n_0, n_1) &\longmapsto n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1^- : G_1 &\longrightarrow N_0 \times N_1 \\ g &\longmapsto (g d_1, g^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g); \end{aligned}$$

cf. Lemma 55.

**Remark 78** We define the subgroup

$$U_1 := G_{1;0} \varphi_1^- \leq N_0 \times N_1.$$

Then

$$U_1 = \{(n_1^- d_0, n_1) : n_1 \in N_1\}.$$

Furthermore, we have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \check{\varphi}_1 := \varphi_1 |_{U_1}^{G_{1;0}} : & \quad U_1 \longrightarrow G_{1;0} \\ (n_1^- d_0, n_1) & \longmapsto n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1, \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \check{\varphi}_1^- : G_{1;0} &\longrightarrow U_1 \\ g &\longmapsto (g d_1, g^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_{1;0} & \xleftarrow[\sim]{\varphi_1^-} & U_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 G_1 & \xleftarrow[\sim]{\varphi_1} & N_0 \times N_1
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* We show  $U_1 \stackrel{!}{\subseteq} \{(n_1^- d_0, n_1) : n_1 \in N_1\}$ .

Suppose given  $u_1 \in U_1$ .

Let  $g_1 := u_1 \varphi_1 \in G_{1;0}$ .

Then  $u_1 = g_1 \varphi_1^- = (g_1 d_1, g_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1)$ .

Let  $\tilde{n}_1 := g_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{n}_1 d_1 &= (g_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1) d_1 \\
 &= g_1^- d_1 s_0 d_1 \cdot g_1 d_1 \\
 &= g_1^- d_1 \cdot g_1 d_1 \\
 &= 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$ . Which also follows from Remark 77.

We have to show that  $(\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1) \stackrel{!}{=} (g_1 d_1, g_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot g_1) = u_1$ .

In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{n}_1^- d_0 &= (g_1^- \cdot g_1 d_1 s_0) d_0 \\
 &= g_1^- d_0 \cdot g_1 d_1 s_0 d_0 \\
 &= g_1^- d_0 \cdot g_1 d_1 \\
 &= g_1 d_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $u_1 \in \{(n_1^- d_0, n_1) : n_1 \in N_1\}$ .

We show  $U_1 \stackrel{!}{\supseteq} \{(n_1^- d_0, n_1) : n_1 \in N_1\}$ .

For  $n_1 \in N_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((n_1^- d_0, n_1) \varphi_1) d_0 &= (n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1) d_0 \\
 &= n_1^- d_0 s_0 d_0 \cdot n_1 d_0 \\
 &= n_1^- d_0 \cdot n_1 d_0 \\
 &= 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $(n_1^- d_0, n_1) \varphi_1 \in G_{1;0}$ .

Hence  $(n_1^- d_0, n_1) \in U_1$ .

Altogether, we have

$$U_1 = \{(n_1^- d_0, n_1) : n_1 \in N_1\}.$$

□

**Remark 79** We have the following group isomorphisms.

(1)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 q_{1,1} := \text{id} : G_{2;1,2} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & N_2 \\
 k & \mapsto & k \\
 k & \longleftarrow & k
 \end{array}$$



(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{q}_{0,1} &:= \psi_{0,1} : G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \xrightarrow{\sim} N_1 \\ &\quad hG_{2;0,2} \longmapsto h d_0 \\ &\quad (n_1 s_0)G_{2;0,2} \longleftarrow n_1 \end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} &:= \psi_{0,0} \blacktriangle \varphi_1^- : G_2/G_{2;0} \xrightarrow{\sim} N_0 \times N_1 \\ &\quad lG_{2;0} \longmapsto \left( (l d_0) \varphi_1^- = (l d_0 d_1, l^- d_0 d_1 s_0 \cdot l d_0) \right) \\ &\quad \left( \begin{array}{l} (n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1) \psi_{0,0}^- \\ = (n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1) s_0 G_{2;0} \\ = (n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0) G_{2;0} \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow (n_0, n_1) \end{aligned}$$

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{q}_{1,0} &:= \psi_{1,0} \blacktriangle \check{\varphi}_1^- : G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} \xrightarrow{\sim} U_1 \\ &\quad gG_{2;0,1} \longmapsto \left( (g d_0) \check{\varphi}_1^- = (g d_0 d_1, g^- d_0 d_1 s_0 \cdot g d_0) \right) \\ &\quad \left( \begin{array}{l} (n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1) \psi_{1,0}^- \\ = ((n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1) s_0 \cdot (n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)^- s_1) G_{2;0,1} \\ = ((n_1^- d_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0) \cdot (n_1^- s_1 \cdot n_1 d_0 s_0 s_1)) G_{2;0,1} \\ = (n_1^- d_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1 \cdot n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0) G_{2;0,1} \\ = (n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} G_{2;0,1} \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow (n_1^- d_0, n_1) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 80** Using Remark 18, we obtain the following group isomorphisms.

(1) We have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id} &:= \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} : \text{Aut}(G_{2;1,2}) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N_2) \\ \alpha &\longmapsto \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \alpha \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,1} = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Remark 79.(1).

(2) We have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,0} &: \text{Aut}(G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1}) \longmapsto \text{Aut}(U_1) \\ \alpha &\longmapsto \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \alpha \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}. \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Remark 79.(4).

(3) We have the group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{0,1} &: \text{Aut}(G_{2;2}/H_{2;0,2}) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N_1) \\ \alpha &\longmapsto \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \alpha \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}. \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Remark 79.(2).

**Lemma 81** We shall construct the crossed square  $GSq^!$  and the isomorphism of crossed squares  $\varphi : GSq \rightarrow GSq^!$ .

We shall make use of Remark 67 to substitute isomorphically.

Consider the groups

$$\begin{aligned} GSq_{1,1}^! &:= N_2 \\ GSq_{1,0}^! &:= U_1 \\ GSq_{0,1}^! &:= N_1 \\ GSq_{0,0}^! &:= N_0 \times_{\gamma_1} N_1 = N_0 \times N_1. \end{aligned}$$

Concerning  $U_1$ , cf. Lemma 55 and Remark 78.

Concerning  $N_0 \times_{\gamma_1} N_1$ , cf. Remark 56.

We have the group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \lambda_{GSq'}^{1,0} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \lambda_{GSq}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,0} : & N_2 \longrightarrow U_1 \\
 & n_2 \longmapsto (1, n_2 d_0) \\
 \\
 \mu_{1,0}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \mu_{1,0}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} : & U_1 \longrightarrow N_0 \times N_1 \\
 & (n_1^- d_0, n_1) \longmapsto (n_1^- d_0, n_1) \\
 \\
 \lambda_{GSq'}^{0,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \lambda_{GSq}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,1} : & N_2 \longrightarrow N_1 \\
 & n_2 \longmapsto n_2 d_0 \\
 \\
 \mu_{0,1}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \mu_{0,1}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} : & N_1 \longrightarrow N_0 \times N_1 \\
 & n_1 \longmapsto (1, n_1).
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 N_2 & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{GSq'}^{0,1}} & N_1 \\
 \lambda_{GSq'}^{1,0} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_{0,1}^{GSq'} \\
 U_1 & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^{GSq'}} & N_0 \times N_1
 \end{array}$$

We have the group morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} : & U_1 \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N_2) \\
 & (n_1^- d_0, n_1) \longmapsto \left( n_2 \mapsto n_2^{(n_1^- d_0, n_1)} = n_2^{(n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} : & N_1 \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N_2) \\
 & n_1 \longmapsto (n_2 \mapsto n_2^{n_1} = n_2^{n_1 s_0})
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \gamma_{GSq'}^{1,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{1,1} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} : & N_0 \times N_1 \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N_2) \\
 & (n_0, n_1) \longmapsto \left( n_2 \mapsto n_2^{(n_0, n_1)} = n_2^{n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0} \right)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \gamma_{GSq'}^{1,0} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,0} : & N_0 \times N_1 \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(U_1) \\
 & (n_0, n_1) \longmapsto \left( (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1) \mapsto \left( \begin{array}{l} (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0, n_1)} \\ = \left( (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0)^{n_0}, (\tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0)^{n_0 s_0} \right) \\ \cdot (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1} \end{array} \right) \right)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \gamma_{GSq'}^{0,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{0,1} : & N_0 \times N_1 \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(N_1) \\
 & (n_0, n_1) \longmapsto \left( \tilde{n}_1 \mapsto \tilde{n}_1^{(n_0, n_1)} = \tilde{n}_1^{n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1} \right).
 \end{array}$$

In each case, the operation on the left hand side of the equation is given by the formula on the right hand side that uses conjugation on  $N_2$ ,  $N_1$  and  $N_0$ .

We have the map

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{GSq^!} = (\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \times \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^-) \blacktriangle \chi_{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,1} : \quad U_1 \times N_1 &\longrightarrow N_2 \\ ((n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1) &\longmapsto \left( \begin{array}{l} [(n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0}, \tilde{n}_1 s_0] \\ =: [(n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1] \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have that

$$GSq^! := (N_2, U_1, N_1, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq^!}, \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq^!}, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!}, \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!}, \chi_{GSq^!})$$

is a crossed square and

$$\mathfrak{q} := (\mathfrak{q}_{1,1}, \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}, \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}, \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}) : GSq \xrightarrow{\sim} GSq^!$$

is an isomorphism of crossed squares.

Note that we have  $\kappa_{GSq^!} := \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!} = \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!} : N_2 \rightarrow N_0 \times N_1$ .

*Proof.* First, we verify the claimed mapping rules.

We have  $\lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \lambda_{GSq}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}$ .

For  $n_2 \in N_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0} &= n_2 (\mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \lambda_{GSq}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}) \\ &= ((n_2 \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^-) \lambda_{GSq}^{1,0}) \mathfrak{q}_{1,0} \\ &= (n_2 \lambda_{GSq}^{1,0}) \mathfrak{q}_{1,0} \\ &= (n_2 G_{2;0,1}) \mathfrak{q}_{1,0} \\ &= (n_2 d_0 d_1, n_2^- d_0 d_1 s_0 \cdot n_2 d_0) \\ &= (n_2 d_2 d_0, n_2^- d_2 d_0 s_0 \cdot n_2 d_0) \\ &= (1, n_2 d_0). \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \mu_{1,0}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}$ .

For  $(n_1^- d_0, n_1) \in U_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(n_1^- d_0, n_1) \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!} \\ &= (n_1^- d_0, n_1) (\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \mu_{1,0}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}) \\ &= (((n_1^- d_0, n_1) \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^-) \mu_{1,0}^{GSq}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} \\ &= (((n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} G_{2;0,1}) \mu_{1,0}^{GSq}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} \\ &= (((n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} G_{2;0}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}) \\ &= ((n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} d_0 d_1, (n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} d_0 d_1 s_0 \cdot (n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} d_0). \end{aligned}$$

First we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} (n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0)} d_0 &= (n_1 s_0 d_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1 d_0)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0 d_0)} \\ &= (n_1 \cdot n_1^- s_1 d_0)^{(n_1 d_0 s_0)} \\ &= n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} (n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1) d_1 &= n_1^- d_0 s_0 d_1 \cdot n_1 d_1 \\ &= n_1^- d_0. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$(n_1^- d_0, n_1 d_0 s_0 \cdot (n_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)) = (n_1^- d_0, n_1).$$

We have  $\lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \lambda_{GSq}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}$ .

For  $n_2 \in N_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_2 \lambda_{GSq'}^{0,1} &= n_2 (\mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^- \blacktriangle \lambda_{GSq}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}) \\
 &= ((n_2 \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}^-) \lambda_{GSq}^{0,1}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,1} \\
 &= (n_2 \lambda_{GSq}^{0,1}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,1} \\
 &= (n_2 G_{2;0,2}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,1} \\
 &= n_2 d_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\mu_{0,1}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \mu_{0,1}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}$ .

For  $n_1 \in N_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_1 \mu_{0,1}^{GSq'} &= n_1 (\mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \mu_{0,1}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}) \\
 &= ((n_1 \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^-) \mu_{0,1}^{GSq}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} \\
 &= ((n_1 s_0 G_{2;0,2}) \mu_{0,1}^{GSq}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} \\
 &= (n_1 s_0 G_{2;0}) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0} \\
 &= (n_1 s_0 d_0 d_1, n_1^- s_0 d_0 d_1 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0 d_0) \\
 &= (n_1 d_1, n_1^- d_1 s_0 \cdot n_1) \\
 &= (1, n_1).
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\gamma_{1,0}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq}$ .

For  $n_2 \in N_2$  and  $n_1 \in N_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_2^{(n_1^- d_0, n_1)} &= (n_2) ((n_1^- d_0, n_1) (\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq})) \\
 &= (n_2) ((n_1^- d_0, n_1) \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^-) \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq} \\
 &= (n_2) ((n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1) (n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0) G_{2;0,1}) \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq} \\
 &= n_2^{(n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1) n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\gamma_{0,1}^{GSq'} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq}$ .

For  $n_2 \in N_2$  and  $n_1 \in N_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_2^{n_1} &= (n_2) ((n_1) (\mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq})) \\
 &= (n_2) ((n_1) \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^-) \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq} \\
 &= (n_2) ((n_1 s_0) G_{2;0,2}) \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq} \\
 &= n_2^{n_1 s_0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\gamma_{GSq'}^{1,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{1,1} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{1,1}$ .

For  $n_2 \in N_2$ ,  $n_1 \in N_1$  and  $n_0 \in N_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_2^{(n_0, n_1)} &= (n_2) ((n_0, n_1) (\mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{1,1})) \\
 &= (n_2) ((n_0, n_1) \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^-) \gamma_{GSq}^{1,1} \\
 &= (n_2) ((n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0) G_{2;0}) \gamma_{GSq}^{1,1} \\
 &= n_2^{n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\gamma_{GSq'}^{1,0} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{GSq}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,0}$ .

For  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$  and  $n_0 \in N_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0, n_1)} &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)((n_0, n_1)(\mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,0})) \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)((n_0, n_1)\mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{1,0} \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,0}) \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)((n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)G_{2;0})\gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{1,0} \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{1,0} \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)(\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \blacktriangle ((n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)G_{2;0})\gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover we have

$$(\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- = (\tilde{n}_1 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- s_1)^{\tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0 s_0} G_{2;0,1}.$$

First we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- s_1 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0 s_1)^{(n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)} d_0 \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 s_0 d_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 s_0 d_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- s_1 d_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0 s_1 d_0)^{(n_0 s_0 s_0 d_0 \cdot n_1 s_0 d_0)} \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0 d_0 s_0)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)} \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)} \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)} d_1 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 d_1 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 d_1)^{n_0 s_0 d_1 \cdot n_1 d_1} \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0)^{n_0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &((\tilde{n}_1 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- s_1)^{\tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0} G_{2;0,1})\mathfrak{q}_{1,0} \\
 &= ((\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^- s_1 \cdot \tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0 s_1)^{n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0} G_{2;0,1})\mathfrak{q}_{1,0} \\
 &= ((\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)} d_1, ((\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)})^- d_1 s_0 \cdot (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1)}) \\
 &= ((\tilde{n}_1^- d_0)^{n_0}, (\tilde{n}_1 d_0 s_0)^{n_0 s_0} \cdot (\tilde{n}_1^- d_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0 s_0 \cdot \tilde{n}_1)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\gamma_{G \text{Sq}'}^{0,1} = \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{0,1}$ .

For  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$  and  $n_0 \in N_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{n}_1^{(n_0, n_1)} &= (\tilde{n}_1)((n_0, n_1)(\mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \blacktriangle \gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{0,1})) \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1)((n_0, n_1)\mathfrak{q}_{0,0}^- \gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1} \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{0,1}) \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1)((n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)G_{2;0})\gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1} \hat{\mathfrak{q}}_{0,1} \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1)(\mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- \blacktriangle ((n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)G_{2;0})\gamma_{G \text{Sq}}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover we have

$$\tilde{n}_1 \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^- = (\tilde{n}_1 s_0)G_{2;0,2}.$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((\tilde{n}_1 s_0)^{(n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)} G_{2;0,2})\mathfrak{q}_{0,1} &= (\tilde{n}_1 s_0)^{(n_0 s_0 s_0 \cdot n_1 s_0)} d_0 \\
 &= (\tilde{n}_1 s_0 d_0)^{(n_0 s_0 s_0 d_0 \cdot n_1 s_0 d_0)} \\
 &= \tilde{n}_1^{n_0 s_0 \cdot n_1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\chi_{G \text{Sq}'} = (\mathfrak{q}_{1,0} \times \mathfrak{q}_{0,1})^- \blacktriangle \chi_{G \text{Sq}} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}$ .

For  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1] &= ((n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1)((\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \times \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^-) \blacktriangle \chi_{G \text{Sq}} \blacktriangle \mathfrak{q}_{1,1}) \\
 &= (((n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1)(\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^- \times \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^-))\chi_{G \text{Sq}} \mathfrak{q}_{1,1} \\
 &= (((n_1^- d_0, n_1)\mathfrak{q}_{1,0}^-, \tilde{n}_1 \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}^-)\chi_{G \text{Sq}})\mathfrak{q}_{1,1} \\
 &= (((n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0} G_{2;0,1}, \tilde{n}_1 s_0 G_{2;0,2})\chi_{G \text{Sq}})\mathfrak{q}_{1,1} \\
 &= [(n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0}, \tilde{n}_1 s_0]\mathfrak{q}_{1,1} \\
 &= [(n_1 s_0 \cdot n_1^- s_1)^{n_1 d_0 s_0 s_0}, \tilde{n}_1 s_0].
 \end{aligned}$$

By Remark 67.(1), we have that

$$GSq^! := (N_2, U_1, N_1, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq^!}, \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq^!}, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!}, \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!}, \chi_{GSq^!})$$

is a crossed square.

By Remark 67.(2), we have that

$$\mathfrak{q} := (\mathfrak{q}_{1,1}, \mathfrak{q}_{1,0}, \mathfrak{q}_{0,1}, \mathfrak{q}_{0,0}) : GSq \rightarrow GSq^!$$

is an isomorphism of crossed squares.  $\square$

**Remark 82** The defining properties of the crossed square  $GSq^!$ , shown in Lemma 81 as a consequence, read as follows.

(CS 1) We have  $\kappa_{GSq^!} = \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0} \blacktriangle \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!} = \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1} \blacktriangle \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!}$ .

(CS 2) We have the following crossed modules.

(1)  $(N_2, U_1, \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq^!}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0})$

(2)  $(N_2, N_1, \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq^!}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1})$

(3)  $(N_2, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \kappa_{GSq^!})$

(4)  $(U_1, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!})$

(5)  $(N_1, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!})$

(CS 3) We have the following morphisms of crossed modules.

(1)  $(\text{id}_{N_2}, \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!}) : (N_2, U_1, \gamma_{1,0}^{GSq^!}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0}) \rightarrow (N_2, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \kappa_{GSq^!})$

(2)  $(\text{id}_{N_2}, \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!}) : (N_2, N_1, \gamma_{0,1}^{GSq^!}, \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1}) \rightarrow (N_2, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \kappa_{GSq^!})$

(3)  $(\lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \text{id}_{N_0 \times N_1}) : (N_2, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \kappa_{GSq^!}) \rightarrow (U_1, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!})$

(4)  $(\lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \text{id}_{N_0 \times N_1}) : (N_2, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{1,1}, \kappa_{GSq^!}) \rightarrow (N_1, N_0 \times N_1, \gamma_{GSq^!}^{0,1}, \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!})$

(CS 4.1) Suppose given  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1) \cdot [(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1] \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0} = (n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1)^{\tilde{n}_1 \mu_{0,1}^{GSq^!}}.$$

(CS 4.2) Suppose given  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$\tilde{n}_1^{(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1) \mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!}} \cdot [(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1] \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1} = \tilde{n}_1.$$

(CS 4.3) Suppose given  $n_2 \in N_2$  and  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$n_2 \cdot [n_2 \lambda_{GSq^!}^{1,0}, \tilde{n}_1] = n_2^{\tilde{n}_1}.$$

(CS 4.4) Suppose given  $n_2 \in N_2$  and  $n_1 \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$n_2^{(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1)} \cdot [(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1), n_2 \lambda_{GSq^!}^{0,1}] = n_2.$$

(CS 4.5) Suppose given  $n_1, n_1^*, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$[(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1) \cdot (n_1^{*-} \text{d}_0, n_1^*), \tilde{n}_1] = [(n_1^- \text{d}_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1]^{(n_1^{*-} \text{d}_0, n_1^*)} \cdot [(n_1^{*-} \text{d}_0, n_1^*), \tilde{n}_1].$$

(CS 4.6) Suppose given  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1, \tilde{n}_1^* \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$[(n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1 \cdot \tilde{n}_1^*] = [(n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1^*] \cdot [(n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1]^{\tilde{n}_1^*}.$$

(CS 4.7) Suppose given  $n_0 \in N_0$  and  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1, \tilde{\tilde{n}}_1 \in N_1$ .

Then we have

$$[(\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1), \tilde{\tilde{n}}_1]^{(n_0, n_1)} = [(\tilde{n}_1^- d_0, \tilde{n}_1)^{(n_0, n_1)}, \tilde{\tilde{n}}_1^{(n_0, n_1)}].$$

(CS 4.8) Suppose given  $n_1, \tilde{n}_1 \in N_1$  and  $n_2 \in N_2$ .

Then we have

$$((n_2^{\tilde{n}_1})^{(n_1^- d_0, n_1)})^{[(n_1^- d_0, n_1), \tilde{n}_1]} = (n_2^{(n_1^- d_0, n_1)})^{\tilde{n}_1}.$$

**Remark 83** The functor  $\text{Sq} : [2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \rightarrow \text{CrSq}$  is not an equivalence.

More precisely  $\text{Sq}$  is not dense.

*Proof.*

Let  $A$  be an abelian group with  $A \neq 1$ .

Consider the crossed square  $C := (A, A, A, 1)$  from Example 66.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\lambda' = \text{id}_A} & A \\ \lambda = \text{id}_A \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \mu' \\ A & \xrightarrow{\mu} & 1 \end{array}$$

It suffices to show that  $C$  is not isomorphic to a crossed square of the form  $G\text{Sq}$  for a simplicial group  $G$ .

Assume that  $G\text{Sq} \simeq C$ .

Then  $G\text{Sq}^! \simeq G\text{Sq} \simeq C$ .

So we have an isomorphism as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_2 & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{G\text{Sq}^!}^{0,1}} & N_1 \\ \lambda_{G\text{Sq}^!}^{1,0} \swarrow & \wr & \searrow \mu_{0,1}^{G\text{Sq}^!} \\ U_1 & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^{G\text{Sq}^!}} & N_0 \times N_1 \\ \wr \downarrow & & \downarrow \wr \\ A & \xrightarrow{\lambda_C^{0,1}} & A \\ \lambda_C^{1,0} \swarrow & \wr & \searrow \mu_{0,1}^C \\ A & \xrightarrow{\mu_{1,0}^C} & 1 \end{array}$$

The morphism  $\mu_{1,0}^{GSq^!}$  is injective; cf. Lemma 81. But the morphism  $\mu_{1,0}^C$  is not injective.

So the commutative quadrangle in front yields a *contradiction*.

So  $C$  is not isomorphic to  $GSq^!$  and therefore not isomorphic to  $GSq$ . □



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# Zusammenfassung

Die Simplex-Kategorie  $\Delta$  ist die Kategorie der totalgeordneten Mengen der Form  $[0, n]$  und ihrer monotonen Abbildungen. Eine simpliziale Gruppe ist ein Funktor von  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  in die Kategorie der Gruppen. Also ist eine simpliziale Gruppe  $G$  eine Folge von Gruppen  $\dots, G_3, G_2, G_1, G_0$ , zusammen mit Randmorphismen  $d_i^{G,n}$  und Ausartungsmorphismen  $s_j^{G,n}$ , die gewisse Relationen erfüllen. Simpliziale Gruppen modellieren topologische Räume auf algebraische Weise.

Eine  $[2, 0]$ -simpliziale Gruppe  $G$  besteht aus Gruppen  $G_2, G_1, G_0$ , zusammen mit Randmorphismen  $d_i^{G,n}$  und Ausartungsmorphismen  $s_j^{G,n}$ , die gewisse Relationen erfüllen. Dabei soll noch die Conduché-Bedingung gelten, die besagt, dass gewisse Untergruppen von  $G_2$  kommutieren.

Mit Hilfe der Abschneideoperation  $\text{Trunc}$  bekommen wir aus einer simplizialen Gruppe  $G$  eine  $[2, 0]$ -simpliziale Gruppe  $G \text{ Trunc}$ .

$$G \text{ Trunc} = \left( \begin{array}{ccccc} & \xrightarrow{d_2^{G,2}} & & & \\ & \xleftarrow{s_1^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G} & & \xrightarrow{d_1^{G,1}} & \\ G_2/GNB_2 & \xrightarrow{d_1^{G,2}} & G_1 & \xleftarrow{s_0^{G,0}} & G_0 \\ & \xleftarrow{s_0^{G,1} \blacktriangle \rho^G} & & \xrightarrow{d_0^{G,1}} & \\ & \xrightarrow{d_0^{G,2}} & & & \end{array} \right)$$

Der Begriff des verschränkten Quadrats ist eine Verallgemeinerung des Begriffs des verschränkten Moduls. Es ist ein kommutatives Viereck von Gruppen mit Zusatzdaten, die bestimmte Voraussetzungen erfüllen.

Wir konstruieren den Funktor  $\text{Sq}$  von der Kategorie der  $[2, 0]$ -simplizialen Gruppen in die Kategorie der verschränkten Quadrate.

Sei  $G$  eine  $[2, 0]$ -simpliziale Gruppe. Dann hat  $G \text{ Sq}$  die Gestalt

$$G \text{ Sq} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} G_{2;1,2} & \longrightarrow & G_{2;2}/G_{2;0,2} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G_{2;1}/G_{2;0,1} & \longrightarrow & G_2/G_{2;0} \end{array} \right).$$

Hierbei ist  $G_{2;1,2} = \ker(d_1^{G,2}) \cap \ker(d_2^{G,2})$ , etc.

Insgesamt haben wir Funktoren

$$\text{SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\text{Trunc}} [2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\text{Sq}} \text{CrSq}$$

erhalten.

Wir können das erhaltene verschränkte Quadrat  $GSq$  isomorph ersetzen durch ein verschränktes Quadrat  $GSq^!$ , welches keine Faktorgruppen mehr enthält.

$$GSq^! = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} N_2 & \longrightarrow & N_1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U_1 & \longrightarrow & N_0 \times N_1 \end{array} \right)$$

Hierbei sind  $N_0, N_1, N_2$  die Terme aus dem Moorekomplex von  $G$ , und  $U_1$  ist eine gewisse Untergruppe von  $N_0 \times N_1$ .

Es ist also  $GSq \simeq GSq^!$ .

Wir können schließlich noch nachweisen, dass der Funktor  $Sq$  keine Äquivalenz ist.

$$[2, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \not\rightarrow CrSq.$$

Dies steht im Kontrast zur Äquivalenz von den  $[1, 0]$ -simplicialen Gruppen zu den verschränkten Moduln.

$$[1, 0]\text{-SimpGrp} \xrightarrow{\sim} CrMod.$$

# Erklärung

Ich versichere hiermit, dass ich die Arbeit selbstständig und nur mit den angegebenen Hilfsmitteln angefertigt habe und dass alle Stellen, die dem Wortlaut oder dem Sinne nach anderen Werken entnommen sind, durch Angabe der Quellen als Entlehnungen kenntlich gemacht worden sind. Die eingereichte Arbeit ist weder vollständig noch in wesentlichen Teilen Gegenstand eines anderen Prüfungsverfahrens gewesen. Das elektronische Exemplar stimmt mit den anderen Exemplaren überein.

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